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Longmont, Colorado.
June 9, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours of this date -- your card --just received. Glad to hear.

There is trouble in my field -- at Caribou. Hasten to seek your advice. Just heard of it to-day. It is financial The Scott Brothers pledged themselves for $400.00 toward my support, and now William writes me they never did. He also suggests that I throw up the field.

What would you do? Have during the nine months past only received from that whole field just $57.00.-- Scarcely the amount of cost. Would it be wise to press the matter of payment? We are not able to stand the loss and we are in no way responsible. When Williams made the pledge for Caribou it was a voluntary act of his own.

Will be exceeding glad to have you advise by return mail. It seems that there must be tribulation in the work of building the Kingdom. Please tell me just what is wise to do. It is an extremity with us.

The clouds seem to be gathering thick over our sky. Here at Longmont the grasshoppers threaten to eat us out of house and home.

One word about the buggy. The band of girls at Allegheny are all true to their pledge. They have now $20.00 ready. They thought they had sent us $20.00 but they had sent it through New York. If they had sent it through me to New York then it would have reached the mark.

Will also receive something through Altoona. Do not know how much.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. P. Teitsworth.

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New York, N. Y.
June 9th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Enclosed please find two letters, one from Cowhick. We think favorably of the man and hope he will go to Cheyenne -- the great influx of inhabitants, a good church in good repair and well furnished, with a good, new organ and a parsonage which Read says he can rent for $50.00 per month reserving for himself, if I understand him a single room and a dead man in town every night -- he ought pretty nearly to run the machine without help from us.

I return you Snyder's letter. Read says he cannot understand what Snyder means about a $500.00 mortgage, nor can we.

Now, we want you to go up to Cheyenne andfind out what $500.00 mortgage he means -- find out if they will give up the parsonage to the new incumbent and how much else the people may be relied on to do.

After reading this letter and seeing Read you need not be surprised that I have not a particle of faith in Snyder, but you need not tell him that. But what basis is there to go on, what men or women there areto rely on, find out all this anew and write it fully to Cowhick and put it only so as you can face him in the future. Don't give him any "yarns" from Snyder or anybody that need discounting without discounting them. Please do all this as soon as possible and give Cowhick the the result of your investigations.

Moreover Mr. Snyder mentions "Sale of Lot #350.00." What lorhave they sold? The Church Erection Board has a mortgage on the church and grounds. Have they sold off any of the ground?

By the way is that mortgage recorded? Look it up and see. I am afraid it is not recorded and if so, the mortgage is not worth the paper is is written on. Go to the bottom of these things and write about them to us. Dr. Wilson says if the Board is asked to go on $500.00 more they will wish the mortgage to cover also with this $500.00 the $1000.00 given by the Old Board for which there is no mortgage.

I think you can understand all this.. Please go into it thoroughly and let us have all the facts as soon as may be.

Yours truly,
H. Kendall.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
June 13, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

We were very much disappointed in not seeing you with excursionists. Wife especially had counted on entertaining you. But Brother Hawly and wife filled your place very acceptably. The visit of Brother Hawly and of the excursionists was a real treat to me and I enjoyed it intensely.

I enclose a letter from Rev. W. F. Humphrys. Brother Hawly is a first class young man and unmarried is probably going into consumption or has consumption already. Has not preached much for six months. Was educated at a Presbyterian University and preaches without a manuscript or notes when I knew him and was my successor at Franklin's a member of Dayton Presbytery. I have thought Fort Collins would suit him. There is too much work here in Georgetown for him.

I have written you twice. But presume you did not receive my letters as I addressed them to care of Assembly before I saw your street and number. I am afaid Trinidad may prove too warm for me.

It was the warmweather that disabled me in Ohio and so of Mrs. Gage. Brother Hawley tells me Cheyenne is occupied again. Is their parsonage completed and could the church give a living salary? Can Cannon support a man? With aid from the Board in each,case, of course. I inferred from Brother

VanDervoer's remarks that he did not get a living in Colorado from his church and the Board.

I have no wish to go East for a year or two, if ever, to settle, I really like the West.

As I said to you I would rather wait a month or so if thereby I could secure a more favorable location, both as to comfort and usefullness. My resignation stands for the 1st of July or the last Sabbath in June. Do the best you can for Me.

I presume every man feels the same in reference to his wife and so I feel on hae account I ought to secure as pleasant a location as I can. I can stand to make sacrifices myself, if need be, but I don't like to enforce them on her, and the women are the greatest sufferers in this work. I want to do good while I can.

Yours in Christ,
John L. Gage.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 14, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter came to hand last week. Sorry to learn that you are compelled to give up YellowStone trip. I have written Rommie and Salisberry to find out what we can do in S him from here to Virginia City. It will be too big a trip to make on horseback from here and it will consume more time thant I wish to do. Burrows wishes to go, and a gentleman by name of Glover. When I get answers to my letters, I will be ready to write Monfort, either pro or con. When do you think you will be out here again? What about Mr. Arnold? I was up and preached at Ogden three weeks ago last night. I asserted Gillerper at Conin, last night week. Dr. Jacobus preached for me yesterday A. M. He is looking and feeling well.

There is a movement on foot here to give me a regular call and have me installed Pastor. They wish to have the matter attended to about the meeting of Presbytery, the preliminary part, Congregational Meeting for the purpose of making out call ought to be attended to before sometime. Perhaps McMillin will be up, and can moderate the meeting.

Our school prospers, term closes this week. We have received $150.00 from East for tuition. Dr. Backers, Beadle and Cunnyingham have consented to act on our Board of Trustees. Mr. Heinne of San Francisco, and the State Treasurer of Illinois also. I go to Bingham tomorrow and preach in the eve.

Glad you got clear of Cooper in Assembly. Did he present his case before Committee? The Assembly did a good work. I think they did wisely to choose Brooklyn for next meeting.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and friends.

Your brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

P. S. What got into Reed? Married a wife and could'nt come?

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Black Hawk, Colorado.
June 14, 1875.

Dear Brother jackson:-

Last Wednesday a letter came to this office for you which I forwarded to you, on leaving. Thought you would not be in Central. I also received your Postal and answered it, both of which I suppose you have received. There has been some recent developments here in Black Hawk. Three or four of the leading Universalists, who were among the largest subscribers towards to my salary, have resolved that they will give no more money unless I quit preaching about Hell. Their withdrawal reduces the promised amount about $300.00. They have thought that by withdrawing their support that the whole affair would fall through and thought thet I would abandon the field, and their idea is to get a Universalist preacher after awhile. Of course I am not going to quit preaching about Hell, but propose to declare the whole counsel of God on that as on every other subject, and without fear or favor. The prevailing sentiment of this townis undoubtedly in favor of Universalism together with Spiritualism. I strongly suspect Henderson of being in sympathy with them, though I do not know it.

Now, I do not propose to surrender to the Universalists if I can help it, but will fight it out on that line, if possible, if it takes all summer.

As the matter now stands, however, I will have to capitulate and leave the country, Unless I can get something from the Board in order to enable me to pay expenses. The loss of this $300.00 reduces the promised amount here nearly one half, and Idaho gives very little, probably not over $150. or $200.00 for the whole year, so that I will not be able to pay more than my board and not even that.

Now if the Board of Missions can advance me $100.00 or more, I propose to continue in this field during the summer even if by close economy I can manage only to pay expenses. I will not be able to do this, however, unless I can obtain such aid, and I write to ask you about this and whether it is possible at this time to obtain it or within a few weeks.

I have large and attentive congregations both at Black Hawk and Idaho. Have received two or four members here and there are several at Idaho, substantial men who are seriously concerned, and whom I expect to unite very soon.

It would be a great pity indeed to abandon the field and give the Universalists the victory, and I will stand up to the work with all my power, if I can manage as I have said to pay expenses.

But in case the Board cannot come speedily to my aid I will be compelled to give it up, as I have not means of my own to bear my expenses. If the Board would advance $100.00 for Black Hawk and $100.00 for Idaho, I would be all right and could then go through the summer.

In case this fails, I see no alternative but to borrow some money and leave the territory,(as you say there is no other field open but Trinidad,) and either return to Missouri or go on to California.

Such is a statement of the facts in the case, and I lay the matter before you for your counsel and adjudication.

What do you think can be done? Hard as the field is I am willing to stick to it and work it up with all the ability the Lord gives me.

Please let me hear from you soon and fully, in order that I may determine as soon as possible upon my course of action for act soon I must in one way or another and not be getting involved here financially.

Truly andFraternally yours,
R. M. Carson,
Black Hawk,
Colorado.

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#17 Charton Place,
Rochester, N. Y.
June 14, 1875.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I hope you have had all the pleasure in your excursion with the General Assembly that you anticipated and that you are safe home again.

I received your letter of June 1st with pleasure and a day ot two after the paper of which you spoke , for which many thanks. The papers which you sent Mrs. West came safely and were almost immediately distributed among the different churches.

I know of nothing that would give the Home Mission cause a greater lift than the proposed tour among the Eastern churches. Your visit here , am sure, ill do lasting good. There has been but one expression of opinion concerning it and that too among the members of the different churches. I have written this to Mrs. Graham and to others. The 1st church Ladies have sent $25.00 to Utah already, and I hope before the year closes you will know of satisfactory results of your efforts here.

should you think of coming East and if you will refer the New York Secretaries to the Rochester people for information of your visit here, you will have an endorsement that I am sure will staisfy anyone.

Mrs. Wm. Alling, Secretary of the Presbyterian Society was greatly delighted with your address and so was Mrs.

Robertson, 1st church pastors' wife, Levihard, was greatly pleased with your address in St. Peter's. I could speak of scores but it would be a little awkward to get their names without being appealed to by the secretaries. My husband would also say the kindest things.

We have established a Ladies' Missionary Prayer Meeting in our church lately, to be held monthly on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Dr. Dirkson's address before the Assembly was a very stirring one I have never yet had the pleasure of hearing him. I still think Dr. Jackson, if our Ladies Societies were all formed on the basis of the Ladies Board of New York it would be far better than to have two separate organizations. I like that Board, and I think if encouraged, it will work around all right for Home Missions. Very few churches can support two Missionary societies. Our plan works well in our church, should we make progress, there is no fearbut it would be on the side of Home Missions. I hope the Ladies' Board will increase in favor with the Home Board, and not be discouraged by it.

Mrs. Nichols address is: #68 South Fitzhugh St.

She has her commencement this week. A most lovely Christian woman she is.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and with very pleasant recollections of your short stay here.

I am most truly yours,

L. J. Shaw.

P..S. A daughter of one of our prominent ladies, Mrs. E. Gilbert, with her invalid husband has been at one of the hotels in Denver and quite homesick. They do not like Denver and have gone into the mountains. Should you happen to hear of them or their return and either you or your wife could call on Mrs. Gilbert it would be appreciated. She is the daughter of Jacob Howe, an old resident of this city.

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New York, N. Y.
June 17, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

We have yours on "Woman's Work. But 1st at to Dawson. Oh, mercy no! His wife has just got a divorce from him and we heard a viligance Committee was hunting for him in Nevada. He has a spoilt reputation though it is difficult for me to believe that he is a bad men. But he is not now such a man as you want. That other man Morgan is not a bad man, but I have an idea that is slow and not easily adaptable to surroundings and not very strong. But we have nothing against him. He has done hard and faithful service, though he is not oen I would have recommended as fitted to Colorado work.

Now, as to the burden of your letter "Woman's Work," I think we shall lay the matter before the Board next week and

ask for a Committee of five to take the matter into consideration as to "Ways and Means."

My mind starts the following queries:-- Give me your thoughts on the subject. 1st. Shall we try to bring the New York Society to become wholly Home Mission? 2. Failing in that, shall we adopt or recommend it as it is? or, 3.Shall we organizeanother society with headquarters here? Would not that bring us into collision with Mrs. Grahams' Society and her Auxiliarys? or, 4. Shall we dispense with a great Central Organization such as Mrs. G's or the Foreign Missionary Society at Philadelphia, and work only Presbyterially and Synodically, beyond the individual church?

I should like your views about it. If this Committee advise a vigorous movement I shall recommend that you come East about the time the fall Presbyterial meetings are held, and work as far as possible through them then through the synods and then in the cities and large towns, until the beginning of January, perhaps longer. But of all that I can say nothing until after we have laid out all of our plans.

We shall expect to hear from you soon as to Cheyenne Cowhick, &c. &c.

Money comes very slow. I fear we shall have a very hard year. You probably have had cards for Fird's Wedding.

Yours truly,
H. Kendall.

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Idaho Springs, Colorado.
June 18, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Brother Carson wishes to know if the Board will pay him $100.00 in advance. He has now preached about two months and is needing money badly and we can't pay now and there is $150.00 in the hands of the Board for Idaho after Brother Campbell gets his. If you can give us any information concerning it, please do so, andoblige,

Yours fraternally,
W. A. Ross.

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Canon City, Colorado.
June 18th 1875.

Dear Brother jackson:-

I received a letter from Gage of Georgetown inquiring about this field. I have answered it but asked him to consult with you before he comes down here, if he decides to do so. You know whether he is at all likely to suit here or not. If not, of course he had better not spend money on that expensive journey, but if he is I hope you will do what you can to expedite his coming. Now, with the new building it is really a pleasant place. By the time I leave, everything will be in good running order. Next Sunday we propose to open

our Sunday School. If it should prove a success it will be evidence that a sunday School can be run without what are called applicances. We have only Bibles and the Psalmodist for utensils. According to present plans, we shall leave here on the 7th of next month, reaching Denver on the 8th or 9th and spending the Sabbath there. I think we will put up at the Wentworth house this time. Do you expect to be at home about t then? If not, please let me know.

I owe Dr. Lord a grudge for making me preach on the Evening of dedication day. I do not seem to be able to ger righted. It was the straw that broke the camels back and I often feel as poorly as when I came to the Territory. I hope the journey home will set me up once more.

With kindest regards to all yours,

As ever very truly yours,

Jno. VanderVeer.

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Democrat Mountain, Colorado.
June 20th, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir:-

To-day at three o'clock we had the privilege of liftint the standard of the Cross on this mountain to quite a congregation of Miners, and some women and children.

I never saw better behavior nor a more attentive congregation. We expect to preach to them regularly as long as we stay up here and I don't know how long that will be. I am working some lode porperty of my own and if we should be lucky enough to strike pay we will be very apt to stay quite a while.

I wish to say this to you as I have been working on my Lodes ever since I came up here without striking any pay. I am not in a situation to purchase such clothing as a minister ought to have to preach in and my old ones are very much worn. Now, if you can get me a box of needfulls for me and my family it will enable me to appear before the people in a respectable manner. When you talked with me last about preaching at Mill City, Burgin, &c., I was anxious to do the preaching but could not see how to get to the appointments as they were too far away to walk, but now the way appears to be open to preach here on this mountain.

There is nothing that I esteem so much as a box of family clothing; it is worth more to me than money; because I could not take the money that they would bring back east and purchase them here. And I have no doubt that there are many bretherin that take pleasure in helping to build up the cause in that way. When I sold My lots to you I felt confident that I would go to Texas but I could not get things arranged and so I am here on the mountain surrounded with miners and miner's cabins and also with a belt of rich paying lodes. If I should strike it, as I hope to, I will get me a pony and then I can go to Empire, Silver Plume and perhaps other mining places. Indeed

I find that the masses in and around Georgetown do not go to preaching. They say their clothing is not sufficiently meet. I find this difficulty removed our here on the mountain, as we are all alike out here they turn our, rough or not.

Very truly yours in Christ,
George Rice.

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Helena, Montana.
June 20, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

A note received from Brother Welch informs me that you cannot visit Montana this year. I regret this as your presence among us would be beneficial.

Three Bishops are expected here shortly. Bishop Peck of the M. E. Church; Marvin of the M. E. Church, South, and Tuttle of the Episcopal Church. They will probably be here some time in July or August. The Southern Methodists are making desperate efforts to retrieve previous losses. Rev. Mr. Harris, from the Baltimore Conference is preacher in charge of the Helena circuithere.

We occupied our new church yesterday for the first time on the Sabbath. It is not finished, lacking the painting and furnishing, but in deference to our Episcopal friends we vacated the Court House as theywere without a place of worship. We hope to dedicate in a few weeks, when full particulars will be sent. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Many thanks for your kind and sympathizing words in my affliction. I have received much sympathy from my people and should be encouraged in my work. At our first organization a man of fine qualities and a first rate preacher so says report. He is preaching to full houses. Rev. Mr. Toy of the Episcopal church, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Helena, is a good preacher and pleases the people. The Episcopalians are gratified. The Campbellites are workin vigorously. The Southern Methodists under the direction of Bishop Peck are likely to make renewed efforts and Mr. Sliff of Bozeman, an excellent preacher and very popular, will,probably succeed Brother Shippen in Helena. Altogether the prospect in religious matters is encouraging for renewed and vigorous labor of earnes and able men. Three years ago there were 18 members. To-day there are 51, with the prospect of still further additions. Our Sabbath School is excellent and enthusiastic, 202 were present yesterday.

We have made a mistake in not occupying Virginia City. There were several Presbyterian families who had decided preferences for our church and the tone of the community was in thorough sympathy with us. I fear it is too late, but am not troubled provided the other denominations are caring for the field properly. With kind regards to your family and best

wishes for your own prosperity, I remain,
Your Brother In Christ,
W. C. Rommell.

P. S. Inclosed are some photographs of churches sent by you, thanks.

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Murrysville, West Co., Pa.
June 21, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Dear Brother:-

I write this note from my mother's home in Westmoreland County, Va., Fine all well. Had a family reunion last week and all were present yesterday at church. I had with me in the pulpit a young man just licensed to preach, who used to be a member of my bible class (a mere boy) when I was a student at the Seminary. He has some notion of going out west when he graduates. We are both very much improved by our visit and rest, and expect to return somewhere about the 20th of July. When at home I like to be Bishop of my own flock but in my absence would like you or some of the bretheren at Denver to take the oversight. I arranged with Dr. Jacobus to take charge aboutthe 20th of this month until I return. If he comes, as I expect he will, see to them, but if anything should hinder him or delay him, will you try to ger someone to preach on the 1st Sabbath of July. I will bear the necessary expenses and if you cannot go your self in this case, please send some one and let me know the situation. I do not anticipate any delay, however, on his part if all goes well. I want Mrs. S. to see an eminent physician in Chicago on our return. Was disappointed in not seeing him as we came East. This may delay us a week longer than I expected to when we left home. If Dr. J. is there I will arrange it with him. Please let me know how things are going and how the excursionists enjoyed themselves. Mrs. S. unites with me in kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson and Bessie and Daisy.

Yours,
R. I. Stewart.

P. S. Direct at Oakdale, Allegheny Co., Pa. Next sabbath evening I expect to give a sketch of the work in Colorado and the west with a view to awakening more interest in the subject of Home Missions in this church. It has done much and can do more if throughly aroused. Want to interest them in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian also.

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Cucharas Huerfano Co., Colo.
June 22, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir:-

I have set me down mainly to write you on bisiness but first would say that Brother Merritt preached for us the first Sabbath of may, on his way to Las Animas. Brother Littrell preaches once a month in the evening. This is all the regular appointment for preaching. One lady, Miss Scott, who was teaching when you were here, has gone and we have no accessions to the church nor are there as many persons in the villiage as when you were here. Now my brother, I come to the point of business. The railroad does not move nor do they give us any positive assurance when they will move Some of their principal men, General Palmer, Lamborn and Hunt, were within six miles of us last week but did not come here nor send us any word of encouragement. All this together with Grasshoppers and financial depression makes a feeling of uneasiness which is taking hold of so many here that we know not what to depend upon.

I think of this plan, as you are well acquainted with Gov. Hunt you can say to him you have organized a Presbyterian Church at Cucharas, and what shall you say to Presbyterians from the States enquiring for a church of their choice, and ask when he is going to move on the Railroad and when his road will be likely to reach here and how much he is going to do for this place and all these or as many of such questions as you may deem best. If you will do so and inform me it shall be kept strictly confidential in so far as your name or influence is concerned.

Several who are now here will not remain much longer without some more prospect of something definite from the Railraod men. Oft repeated and unkept promises "maketh the heart sick."

We continue our Sunday school prayer meeting Sabbath evaning and Wednesday evening. The time is very profitably spent to the small number who attend. We ask an interest in your prayers and those of all of God's people for us that from this small beginning many souls may yet here find the Lord very precious to their salvation. If you will be so kind as to learn what you can in this matter which will be likely to interest us here and let me know at your earliest convenience, you will very much oblige your Brother in Christ.

Thomas Wilkins.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 23, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Is Brother Arnold coming to Evanston? Rev. E. H. Post of Santa Clara, California wishes to come to Utah Presbytery, if we have a place for him. He has a wife

and two children, hence I think it would not be advisable to recommend his going to Utah or a new field among the Mormons. "I would that all men were even as I myself," and we would chuck them into those mormon settlements as fast as we could get rid of them.

I have about given up the Yellow Stone for this year. The reason I'll tell you when you come out this fall. We are all well here at Mr. Parsons' Mrs. Tompkinshashad a very serious spell of sickness, but we have hopes of her recovery the last few days. Our School closed last week with a good sessions' record. The first number of the Utah Educational Journal will be out the first week of July. I think it will wake up the natives. When do you go on that 2000 mile stage ride?

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and any of my Colorado friends you may chance to see.

Fraternally
Josiah Welch.

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Georgetown Colorado.
June 24, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I terminate my connection with this church next Sabbath the 27th instant. I am at sea.

Please write me what there is open for me. I wrote you two weeks ago at length, also twice at Clevaland. Fear some of the letters have not reached you. Wife's health is not good.

I presume Cheyenne is supplied? Can Cannon support a man. Brother V. Says he hadto draw from private funds to live. I fear Trinidad may be too warm, both for Mrs. Gage and myself.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the family.

Your Brother,
John L. Gage.

P. S. H. B. Suggested the possibility of our exchanging fields. I see no present prospect of expecting it. Don't know that Central would suit Mrs. Gage. Our church has its eye on a big D. D. and will wait to hear from him.

Brother J.L.G.

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Silver City, New Mexico.
June 25, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your postal and papers received. Thanks Shall be glad to see you here and glad you have the pass. One party, Muna, Raymond & Co., runs the line from Santa Fee all the way to Silver City. It is one line all the way through, so if you can get a pass from Santa Fee to Messolla, you can to

Silver City. Mr. Lesinsky , whom you met at Sargent House, Denver, lives in Las Cruces and is in the Company and may assist you as he did me. He has a store in Las Cruces, opposite the Post Office.

They have a good school at Tucson and no Protestant minister, I believe. I think it would be a good plan for you to go there. Do not know as I can get any reduction on fare from here to Tucson. We can try to here, if all come. Fare from here is $30.00. From Messilla to Sliver City and return is $25.00 and $75.00 from Santa Fee to Silver City.

I will send a letter of introduction to Lesinsky as it might help a little.

I do not think it is best to organize a Presbyterian church here yet. There is as near no material to organize with as you could well get, it seems to me it would be betterto wait. We can talk it over.

I asked Grant County Herald to send exchange to you.

I have not succeeded in getting a room yet and feel unsettled but hope to get straight after awhile. Bought a pony yesterday. The weather is hot and close and I am getting acclimated and not feeling very much like work. Will send you a letter soon as I can. Don't be impatient, I am trying to get the Sabbath school &c all written to first.

This is a very new field down here. not much promise and the day of smallthings. I am beginning to feel more at home and somewhat encouraged. THere is very little help and real hearty sympathy. In material things Silver City is looking up. More so than ever before they say. We have $100.00 and over for Sabbath School &c. Have you any arrangements for getting organs at reduced rates, if so please send us styles and rates. I have sent ot others and will try to get the the best terms possible. Call on Dr. Heintzilman, Postmaster at Las Cruces. They invited me to stay over night at their house and will give you a cordial welcome. "Jack Martin" who keeps a ranch on "Hornado del Muerto" Will give you special attention if he knows you are a minister.

W. W. Curtis.

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Auburn, New York.
June 26, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Denver? Colorado.

My dear Friend and Brother:-

Your letter of the 11th instant was received some days ago. Since then I have seen Dr. Kendall who came to Auburn to be present at the marriage of his son. I spoketo Dr. Kendall of the proposition to organize Woman's Home Missionary societies in the Presbyterian church. He said the question was under consideration and that a committee of five gentlemen had been appointed to confer with the officers of the ladies Board of Missions and other Missionary societies already organized in connection with the Board.

This committee would confer with the Secretaries and in the Fall they hope to settle upon some plan of work. I see that the Secretaries wish to avoid any clashing and they proceed with caution, which is the part of wisdom.

I took the liberty of asking Dr. Kendall if he was willing that Dr. Jackson should take the time from his specific work to visit the Military Posts in his district, as far as he could do so, provided the means was provided by our Albany society for his extra expenses. He said certainly, he would be glad to have the Posts visited now, dear friend. I want to propose that on your way to Santa Fe you visit the posts which you can conveniently reach, between Denver and Silver City, (for I think you intend going as far as Silver City) perhaps farther. We have appropriated one hundred ($100.00.) dollars to provide a Christmas Festival at Ten Posts and we wish to correspond with some preson at each of these Posts. Ten dollars will buy a great many pictur cards and articles for Christmas trees and this Christmas Festival gathers all the children in the garrison and interests the soldiers and officers, and opens the way for further Mission work. We would like to have the ladies of each post become members of our society by paying one dollar and mention to them ot make the subscription annual as may be convenient and desirable to themselves. I have thought, dear friend, if you would act as our agent in making a beginning in exploreing the great field on which we are wishing to enter, following the leadings of God's providence, that we might raise two hundred dollars this year towards defraying your expenses and when we hold our meeting in October I hope you will be present and will give a report of your journey and your visits to the Military Posts. I will write to Dr.Kendall if I do not secure a visit from him, which I am anticipating, and will suggest the importance of your coming East, in the autumn to talk in the North of organizing Home Missionary Societies, I think a satisfactory arrangement might be made with the Ladies' Home Missionary society of New York, under the care of the Ladies' Board of Missions , so that there will be no occasion for ill feeling, but an effort will be made to work harmoniously and a plan will be organized for extending the work and making it in the church. I hope you will see Mrs. Alexander at Fort Union and that I shall soon hear from you again, and please let me know what amount will be sufficient for the present for our society to raise.

Believe me,

Very truly your friend,

C. W. Martin.

P. S. I send one of our reports which you may wish to take with you together with a circular letter. We wish to enquire:

First, How many professors of religion of the Protestant faith are at each Post.

Second If Sabbath services are held. If there is any Sabbath School or Bible Class. How many children under 14 are in the Garrison and if there is any one competent to teach

a Bible Class or superintend a Sunday School.

Third. If there is any one at the Post who will be becoem a corresponding member of our society?

Fourth. If the communion has been administered at the Post and how frequently and if Baptism has been administered also.

Fifth. To what denomination do the professors of religion belong?

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Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.
June 28, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

I receive the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and am always as one of the Home Missionaries, interested in all it contains. I lately moved(into my own house this time very fortunately) and have lost the copy with the children's letter in it by W. H. V. D. about John Sebastian, Jr.

I am now the pastor of the church at this place and John Sebastian stands on our church bocksin the year 1854 and John Sebastian, Jr. one of "old Jacob's" sonsis now a member of our church.

I am not a great writer but if you wish it I might write the"second part" of that letter if you have not already more manuscript than you desire or need. I wish you could send me another copy of that paper though I don't just now remember its date.

Yours very truly in labor for Christ,
F. R. Easterday.

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Fairfax, Colorado.
June 28, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Last week we visited Colorado Springs. Had a delightful trip in a private conveyance. Was glad, however, to get back to cool mountain breezes. On our return we found a very acceptable little box awaiting us. Many thanks to yourself and wife for kind remembrances. The articles sent will assist us in our fair very much. Some ladies in Colorado Springs are assisting us in something for the fair. The ladies here are busily at work and much interested. Two joined on profession at our last communion. I can note great improvement in many ways in some who joined last spring. The leaven is still working, in a different way perhaps from in the writer but well. A Methodist preacher, who has been onthe circuit below, is now preaching here every other Sabbath in our church. But like them all I fear he will not last long or hold out. It seems that the Methodists have had an organization at Alma, or

what they term such, though very slim. I told him, Rom. that if he would go on to work up that field I would not organize now. He has said that it was his intention to live there, build a church and make that the chief point, withdrawing mainly from here as they have more members there. I fear that his building there is more talk than chalk, as I hear he will not get much out of the people for he is making himself disagreeable. If he would stay there and work right and live among the people he might build up as good a sunday school at least as ours and in a short time a church. About five good members I could organize there into a church. I feel that it would be no object, however, if they go on to build. Again it would be no object to me to organize unless we build something of a church in an accessible place. It is too very dull there to expect much from the people. Also it looks dark for the town at times. One lady has undertaken to get up a festival for my benefit for July 1st. I have never received enough from them to pay horse hire before. I have written you in full so you may know the condition. I wish it could be, however, that you could come up soon. I hear you are not very well. I think it would be good for you to havea little rest and enjoy the cool mountain air. Can't you come up soon and look over the field. Lowrie will be up soon and visit Lewin Lakes. Rainy season commences middle of July. Come before. Have been to Tarryall Go again next Sabbath. Very fine people. Two nice Presbyterian ladies there. Enterprising and intellectual people. It seems to me at present more favorable for organization than Alma. They have a good, new school house for services. It is 23 miles away. 25 were out before. Are the most hospitable people I have met in this region. Willing to do. Mrs. Finks felt better while in the lower altitude. Sometimes we think we may be compelled to move from here. It has occured to us that we would like Idaho and we understand that that field has never been well worked up. I mention this that you may have it before your mind and if it should favorably shape in the future you could better make the arrangements for us and provide a supply for this place.

We would be much pleased to have yourself and family visit us. It is delightfully cool here and if you can get away I think you would enjoy it much and be greatly refreshed.

Mrs. Finks joins me in love to you all.

Yours in Brotherly love,

D. M. Finks.

P. S. Reply immediately and tell me what I had better do at Tarryall, for I think of organizing there next Sabbath.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
June 29, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

All is favorable as far as impressions are concerned. I am quartered in Phelps house without charge. Thourg Mr. Beineut says I am to come to his house and make it my home for the summer gratis. He has been enlarging and fixing up his house and expected to have been ready to receive the parson on his arrival. But he will be in condition in a few days. I think Mr. Phleps is expecting me to remain here a few weeks. Brother Mitchel gave me a very fraternal reception as also the church members. Last week they devided the work among the building committee, one man to look after floor, another the seats, and a third the front. And to-day the work is begun -- perhaps last week. They think three weeks will see us through. The plasterers will not be through till last of this week. I am feeling pretty well. They think you are a "big gun" up here.

Regards to wife and children.

Brother John L. Gage.

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Longmont, Colorado.
June 29, 1875.

My dear Brother Jackson:-

We are now moving earnestly for a church at Longmont, and I hasten to write you asking for some information as regards our application to the Board. of Church Erection. We are now able to answer all the questions but three. They relate to incorporation. Are our Board of Trustees required to be incorporated? Please give us immediate answers to this question, -- if possible by return mail. We desire to forward at once, do we forw rd to you? Do nor remember who are Committee of Church Erection. Our Trustees are very best men of Longmont. They are Stuart, Coffin, Higley and Buckingham. All are earnest; Coffin and Buckingham are much so.

The Congregationalists dedicated their church last Sabbath and have it more than paid for. Dr. Stores preached the sermon. He did a good deal of boasting. He contrasted their work with ours, making out that they were doing as much as we and thatthey were able to take care of all their children. He also mentioned their broad platform, throwing open their doors to all the "isms" in the world. Of course giving the impression that we areexceedingly exclusive.

At our church meeting last evening Buckingham inquired when you were coming out. Could not tell him. Cannot you arrange a time to spend a Sabbath with us?

Mead has invited us to occupy their church. Would you do it? My answer was I am only servant of the church,

and was ready to comply with their wishes.

Spent last Sabbath at Nederland and Caribou. Had larger audiences at both places than ever before. There is a very fine state of things at Nederland.

The Scott brothers have not made a single effort toward my salary at Caribou. Have a notion to act myself as deacon and canvass the town. What a necessity there is for church buildings both at Nederland and Caribou.

William Scott is away on his wedding tour. He was married the twenty third instant in Maryland. He is now in Montreal. Do you know Patterson has gone to the States. Collins is therefore vacant. Brother Anderson has preached his farewell sermaon at Valmont. Oh what need for earnest workers in all this region; and where are they ?

Please answer at once.

Fraternally &c.
W. P. Teitsworth.

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Longmont, Colorado.
June 30th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

You must have been writing me yesterday about the same time I was you. The result is now before me.

Have nothing really new to write you additional to what I said yesterday. There has been constant growth both at Caribou and Nederland, and the prospect is all encouraging except the living part. Have barely received expenses: Last Sabbath the expenses preponderated. Should it seem wise in the Providence of God for me to continue preaching in my present field another year, I shall press the matter for church buildings in all three. Nederland is now ready to arise and build and it seems to be the will of the blessed Saviour that all things should work in our favor.

Remember there is nothing at Caribou to mar our peace. It is simply the misunderstanding in the making out of the application. And all this results from the inefficiency of the Scott Brothers in working in the church. They are grand, good fellows but they could be a hundred fold more power if they would.

Did you tell those dear ladies -- God Bless them-- at Thornton that my great necessity at present is a buggy? What sweltering business it is to ride now to Caribou and back on horseback! And then int the valley I need the thinest garments and in the mountains the thickest.

Have now sisty dollars on hand for the buggy. The Allegheny girls are going right on to raise one hundred. Theyb sent twenty through the Board, which never reached us. They now send it to the Board through me and it comes right through. Brother Moore says it must come through or there "will be a fuss."

Yours in the Gospel,
W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. Send you our 4th of July hymns. Last my prize hymn. Home Missions.

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The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the 17th Street Presbyterian Church, Denver Colorado., 1875.

The Ladies Home Missionary Society of the 17th Street Presbyterian Church, Denver, was organized in September 1873 and had during the first year twelve members. The officers elected for that year were President, Mrs. Sheldon Jackson, Vice President, Mrs. Kerr, Treasurer, Mrs. Lionberger, Secretary, Miss McLaughlin.

The amount received into the Treasury up to October 1874 was $86.50. Of this $25.00 was sent to the Home Mission Society of New York. $36.50 was paid to the Trustees of the church, $25.00 dollars to the committee appointed to attend to the cleaning of the church.

At the annual meeting of the Society held October 8th 1874, the fee of memberships and annual assessment was fixed at $.50¢, and officers elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Hurd, Vice-President Mrs. J. H. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer Mrs Dr. Steele. Directors: Mrs. Thacker and Miss Laughlin. Amount received into the society up to October 1875 was $87.95, Of this $40.00 dollars was paid to the Trustees and $30.00 to the Home Mission, the remainder, $17.95, was expended by the Society. The Society had, during the year 1874, 26 members. Up to October 1876, the society received $63.76, of this $33.76 was paid to Trustees and $30.00 to Board of Home Missions.

These sums were not paid however, until February 1877. During 1875 and 1876 the society had 12 members. The first meeting of the present year was held January 18th. Mrs. Jackson was made president and Mrs. Steele Secretary and Treasurer. There has been received since then $16.40, of this $2.55 has been expended. The balance is in the Treasurer's hands. In addition we have $99.00 the amount of the collection taken in the church in June last, whaich was appropriated by the Board to the Missions in New Mexico.

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Silver City, N. Mexico.
July 2, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

After I requested the Grant County Herald to exchange with you the Edirot pur in a request for a favorable notice(In the Rocky Mountain Presbyter.)of his paper. He thinks parties who might wish information about Southern New Mexico, seeing your notice of the Herald would, be directed to his paper as a source of information. His paper does not "blow" but very little, if any, and the editor aims to state the truth in

all matters, believing it to be the best poilcy. Any little notice would suffice to call attention to it.

A change of troops rather breaks up our audiences at Fort Bayard. I do not know what sort of men the incoming officers will be.

We are looking anxiously for the rainy season to begin. It is dry and dusty beyond all account.

Hoping to hear from you often, and with regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

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Lancaster, Pa.
July 16, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

Enclosed please find draft for sixty three dollars. It is unpleasant for me to go to Bank so often, therefore have included all in one draft. Please send Mr. Walsh of Salt Lake City, (I wish to pay tuition of one child for a year.

To Mr.Walsh----------	$ 25.00
From Sexton towards the building at Mt. Pleasant	10.00
For the house----------	28.00
	$ 63.00.

My boys are very enthusiastic, two of them from their own earnings gave as follows:

Franklin Barr----------	$ .40
Collected from friends Sam'l King----------	1.25
Morris Shaker----------	.30
Abraham Barr----------	.05
Harry Wilson----------	.20
Mis. M. Carson $1.00. Sister $5.00----------	6.00
Contribution from Infant School----------	1.58
	9.78

This with mine makes it twelve dollars. H. W. could have given more than the others but is very selfish, yet he said "if the Missionary gets it, I'd like to see the receipt." I assured him the money would be applied to the purchase of a horse and that Mr. Jackson would acknowledge the receipt thereof. O! may be it will be in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, exclaimed some of them -- boy like. They think they have done a great deal (and so do I with the one exception.) and want credit for it. I told them that you would have each one's name and the amount given. They read with interest the account of the Missionary boat purchased by you with the money sent from a Kentucky S. S. Last Sunday I read to them that part of your letter referring to Mr. Darley's field of labor and one or two of them said that they thought some of the other classes would contribute, if asked. These appeals for help in the paper will aid the cause. Mr. Martin has had in the Presbyterian " a missionary wants a

horse," or "a buggy, who will give?" and soon after "there has been sufficient for the horse &c."

Our Mission Band numbers 26 members. At our last meeting the president proposed sending the $16.00 in our Treasury to you with what I had for the horse. A few of us designed it for the building in Mount Pleasant, Utah, (I think we should securethat.) but the vote decided in favor of the former. A letter has been addressed to Mr. D. A box will be sent him. Can't say how large. The ladies are very much interested now.

I would have retained this until more should have been added, but expecting to be absent for a few weeks and not knowing what may occur concluded to send this.

Your sister in Christ,

Anna M. Dale.

#211 E. King St., Lancaster, Pa.

Ps. Expect to return home the first week in August.

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Evanston, Wyoming Territory.
July 6th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

When I wrote you last I little thought what sorrows were in store for us. My dear Wife is no more. She died very suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs, July 1st. Mrs. Arnold had been a little troubled with a sleight cough but we supposed it was only an irritation of the throat, but as you will see by this notice of her death she passed away so suddenly.

You cannot imagine how this people loved her. Within 24 hours of her death two hundred and one ($201.00.) were most delicately handed me by the ladies. I was unable to preach in S. H. Sabbath but in the evening I addressed one of the most solemn and attentive congregations I ever addressed. My subject was the authenticity and blessings of the blessed Bible. I felt that God was helping me. Pray for us. Mr. Brown has been here and spent the Sabbath Received a telegram from his wife and has returned.

Oh! sweet to know what is dark now will bye and bye be made clear as the noon day sun. The remains were burried here for the present.

Minnie and the children join in send ing much love to you all.

In haste your afflicted brother,

F. L. Arnold.

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Golden, Colorado.
July 23, 1875.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:-

I enclose draft for $150.00 to be applied on the

note which Brother Jackson holdsThe congregation here is short of funds or I would send the remaining $50.00 with this now and raise the note. I hope to do so, however,between this and September 8th the close of the year. Please send me a receipt for the amount and when Mr. Jackson returns he can endorse it on the note.

I believe you said you had the large tent yet. Do you wish to sell it? and if so what is the price? I want to get one soon andthink yours would suit. Tell Brother Jackson to let me know when he returns. I want to see him.

Very respectfully,
R. L. Stewart.

P. S. Miss. S.feels much better. Sends her love. FOr the sake of convenience I want to include $5.00 I wish to send to Brother Bliss. I will make the note $155.00 and will be much obliged if you will send the additional five over to Mr. Bliss.

Have written to him saying that I will enclose this amount in the draft to you.

R. L. S.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
July 24th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I received a note from you some time ago, which I have not answered, I believe. I have given up Yellowstone. I spent ten days delightfully in American Fork, and preached three times, once at Deer Creek and twice at Alla.

Egbert is here and will preach in Alla Sunday, August 1st. He says he thinks he knows the man for Bingham and Alla.

We received nine into our church at last communion, last Sunday week, and had a precious season. Make your arrangements for Presbytery about the middle of October. The congregational meeting to-morrow will decide the matter of the call, if the call is regular and the way is clear, I will be installed at the meeting of Presbytery. The prelude to that will be D. V. a little episode in front of the platform of the church by which a little woman will become Mrs. Welch. Miss Emma Coyner and I expect to be married the 14th of October. We wish the little preformance before my installation. We have said but littleabout it here yet; and this is inter nos, for the present.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the friends generally. Had a note from Mr. Arnold the otherday telling me of the death of Mrs. Arnold. It is sad to think he is left again. He thinks the Evanston work hard, but encouraging.

Yours fraternally,
Josiah Welch.

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Silver City, N. Mexico.
August 5th, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

Our organ Committee have decided to order from Brattleboro or Estey and Company. The latter give us 50 ¢ discount. We get a $285.00 organ for $142.50.

I will send your handkerchief in a paper. The fever is broken but I am yet quite weak. Hope to be ready for work in a week or so. Shall be glad to get your letter. Am somewhat anxious about my trunk. Guess My brother was a little ahead of you at Pueblo.

Yours truly,
W. W. Curtis.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
August 6th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I send you my first contribution to the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. In this I have dealt only with facts of my own experience, enlightened by the word of God, or better of God's word and my experience wedded. I hope it may be acceptable. If so, I have other subjects in which I can write for you, brighter than or as dark as this is. I have written it twice with several readings for correction. I think it makes a column, as I see it takes about 780 words to do so.

We are comfortably at housekeeping with $.25¢ in pocket as our sole cash living till September. I am shut up for the present in Del Norte as my horse was lamed in my absence, "gravel" or abuse. I hope he may recover this month because I have no money to go out. $20.00 or $25.00 a month does not go far when half of it would only buy a ton of hay which will last him only a month, and no grain in the country; when a trip to Saguache would consume about $7.00; when flour is about $8.00 a hundred, &c.

I am expecting a box of hymn books from Randolph Ia., through the liberality of my friend, H. W. McLanahan of New York, this week. It will be a great help to us. I have written Miss Dale twice. Yours fraternally,
Alex. M. Darley.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
August 7, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

We occupied our new church last Sabbath and we all felt good to be in a church and not a Hall.

Large audiences of course. The church was not completed. We extemporized seats from the Hall. To-day they

are preparing to put down our seats and finish flooring,--double floor.

Church matters "in statu quo." I have just written to Miss Ciffin at her request asking a donation of carpets and organ from the 2nd. Church, Indianapolis. I think it is the 2nd. Church. She wanted an official statement from me to show the church.

Will you please write an official endorsement of our cause and send it to:

Mrs. Annie C. Coffin,
Care Wiles Bro. & Co.,
Indianapolis.

Please send such a letter at your earliest convenience. We will not dedicate before Presbytery. Three Presbyterians have just moved in. One a very valuable addition I think. Seven years Superintendent of Sunday School and Public Schools in Ohio -- a personal friend.

Hope family are well.

Brother John L. Gage.

P.S. Dr. Findley says he is out of money. If he had a "pass" he would visit Greely and favorably disposed.

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Olympia, Washington Ter.
August 8th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I write to try and enlist your sympathies in behalf of our poor little church. I have just been having Mrs. M. R. Andrews and Mollie and Mrs. Voarhees to visit me.

One night while she was here we called on Mrs. Dr. Steele, a lady of the Congregational church and while we were there she was telling me of how they had entirely paid off their church debt, which was about the same as ours. she said "we have had friends raised up to us in the most unexpected way. A wealthy man in San Francisco gave us $250.00 and another in some other place sent us fifty another ninety-five, and so on. It seems the Lord has helped us where we did not expect and weare now going to have a minister." I came home with a heavy heart, not at their success, but because we seemed to have nothing except as we worked very hard for it. I had thenbeen working for one month, giving nearly every moment of my time for a specified purpose, and although we had been in a measure successful -- because there was this church debt remaining -- there seemed to be a spirit of dissatisfaction. I said to Mrs. Andrews as I came home. "Their going out crippled us. They took our Sunday School Superintendent, our organist, the teacher of our Bible classes and this very woman who has done so much by soliciting for their church, we expected to have when we had determined to repair our church building. I just thought then, I will write to Mr. Jackson and see if he won't help us a little. I believe Mr. Jackson the Lord put this in my

mind. I used to get almost impatient with you when I first went to Minnesota, and was homesick when you could say to me "I expect the Lord sent you to help us." in the Sunday School or choir or other things you used to try to have me do. I now look backover my life and in many places see where I must have been led. I have been permitted with my little strength to at times do a great deal for others, more than I would have believed I could do. I do feel very anxious that this debt be paid. I think if it is not soon that the effect will be very bad on some of our older members. Indeed, I know so. We have some who were Congregationalists before we came who were Episcopalians. The latter have a talented minister. I think that when Mr. Thomas that we have the largest congregations of all. The debt is near five hundred and is drawing good interest. Some of the money has been raised. The interest has been paid off. Some of the church members have had a fear that the man who held the mortgage would not live and that we would be compelled to pay. I think the effect would be very good, in many ways, could we have accomplished.

We are a very poor church, but the women are very hard workers -- they do nearly everything. We have not a great many males, but I think that if we could be put on our feet there is quite a number of young people who would identify themselves with us. I have been trying to organize a young Ladies Society, and by their help we were enabled to do as much again as we could otherwise, with an "IceCream" establishment on the 4th of July. I told Mrs. Andrews I was going to make an attempt by writing to you, to get this debt paid off. Mr. Thomson writes that he has not been very successful. Our church is very pretty. We have no bell as yet, and we want this debt paid before we shall make an attempt to get one. We raised money for a library last winter and are just now receiving our books. We have to have some things, even if we are in debt to carry on the work. We have a good Sunday School, numbering from fifty to seventy-five scholars. Mr. Thomson has never since he has been here received all of his salary, but he is so self-denying that he always receipts us in full. There are many things about the church I would like to tell you. Mr. Thomson has a little parsonage and boards himself in the plainest way you could imagine, almost lives on brown bread. Our own church people do not know the self-denial he practices. So little in his house, it seems disgraceful to us. Our ladies for their organization called to it lately in a way it had never been before, and we have been trying during his absence to do something for him. He lives on bare floors and has only a very few articles of furniture -- a broken bedstead and two or three chairs, with a little bookcase, about makes up his stock of furniture, and he has done his cooking for two years and given every dollar he could spare to the church. I know you had a great many influential friends in the east, who have passed, and I thought you might through them, be able to do something for us. Do

hundred, ot two or three is so little to some of them, but would be so much to us, just now. Mr. Jackson, don't you think you can do a little something for us? If you think you can't would you suggest something to me. We, as a church, do not need to be told to work. We do that. We have not solicited, we have tried to help ourselves. The Congregationalists went out after we had planned to repair our church. They have not been friendly with us since , and I think have made the effort to further their own interests by representing that we persecuted them after they left us, which was not true. I would not say that here or there they would ever hear it. It is not best to allude to it. If you should feel that you cannot do anything for us -- but I feel that you will -- will you suggest something to me, give me the names of some of your influential friends who would be interested in the struggle of a Presbyterian church in this far-orr land where, if the people cannot be called heathen they can be called a people destitute of any kind feeling for christian work, -- the large majority of them -- and christians themselves grow timid and weak where they are so unpopular; but we have some good christian people here.

I shall hope and pray that through you, Mr. Jackson, we may see our way clear. There are some discouragements to some of us lately that Mr. Thomsondoes not know. If a surprise could be given our people just now in the way of aid it would allay an unpleasant feeling that is growing up. I speak of this confidentially. They are divoted to Mr. Thomson. I am so anxicus about this Mr. Jackson, that I feel as if I could go on writing indefinitely. If I were with you, I could tell you a great many things in connection with the church that would interest you.

I shall hope to hear from you very soon. Give my love to Mrs. Jackson and the children. I always remember Daisy with the tenderest feeling. Mother loved her so.

Hi has just gone and I am very lonely. Almost the last leaf on the tree. Pray for our little church and for us. I wish you could have heard our Sunday school sing "I love to tell the Story," to-day.

Carrie Allen.

P. S. Last week Mrs. Andrews and Mollie and Mrs. Voorhees and myself took a trip to Victoria...Annie Voorhees and I started alone and met Mrs. Andrews and Mollie on the way. Rev. Mr. Ray of Port Townsend was one of our company. Owing to the dense smoke that arises from the fires in the forests, we hit on rather an unfortunate time for our trip, but we made a short visit into her magesties'domains and caught faint gleams of the grand old mountains that were shrouded too much with cloud wreaths and smoke. Through glasses we saw the far-away lighthouses of San Juan dimly and away off, farther than the eye could reach we saw where the straits led to the ocean. Soon I shall try the ocean out a little way, maybe in a canoe. I shall gather shells and sea mosses, and try to get a little

strength for the rainy season. I have worked very hard this summer at home, but harder at church work. I wish you and Mrs. Jackson could come and see us. Hi has gone to the Oakland University and I feel desolate without him. He will be gone four years. I have an idea that if he lives he will be a minister. He thinks not but I have a secret belief that he will. I must close. I have written you carelessly.

With much love,

Carrie Allen.

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Denver, Colorado.
August 9, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

I have been compelled to give up my field of Black Hawk and Idaho Springs. I had hoped to have seen you to-day and laid the whole matter before you, but as you are not here I can do nothing but leave you this note. I have also failed to find Brother Hawley, the chairman of the committee, though I hunted for him high and low. He has removed from his former residence as given in the directory. I have written him a note, however, similar to this, as I can wait no longer, and am an expense and bankrupt in finances or next thing to it. I leave in the morning at 8, o'clock for Missouri, via K.P.R.R. I spent 15 weeks and one day at Black Hawk and Idaho Springs churches, doing all I could, preaching, visiting, distributing tracts &c., and during this period of near four months all that I received from Black Hawkchurch was $105.00 on my board bill(I still owe $12.50 there) and from Idaho Springs I received just $18.65. Total$123.65. From the Home Board I have not recdved a cent up to this time. I received a postal card from them three weeks or more ago, informing me that the application of Black Hawk andIdaho Springs Churches would be considered by them on 27th of July and though I waited twelve days after that they neither sent me any money or word of any kind. Consequently the churches of Black Hwak and Idaho Springs, paying so little, and no aid reaching me from the Board I could do nothing else but leave, as I was much embarrassed financially and was settling deeper and deeper in debt every day. I could have held my ground and done a good work had the Board not failed me. Idaho Springs especially was very promising and congregation growing larger and larger and religious interest developing. Black Hawk, of course, is a hard place, but I had whipped out the Universallists and was in a fair way to make better progress. The trouble there is that there are no business men to attend to collecting. Everything depended on the Board money, and as that to fail, I had to quit as I told you before hand would be the result. I cameout here in good faith as you know, with full purpose of remaining permanently, and expected to join the Presbytery at next meeting, as I care but little whether I preach in North-

ern or Southern assembly. I would still remain, was there any vacant field that would sustain me, but I learn from the Rocky Mountain, and also from Brother John L. Gage, who has just made a tour among all the vacant churches -- that not one of them except Trinidad can offer a-living, -- so that I can do nothing else but leave, much as I may regret to do so.

My expences have been as follows $40.00 I had with me when I arrived -- From Murfreesboro, Tenn. to Black Hawk $53.00 I sent to Missouri and borrowed from a friend $50.00 to meet my wants and which I have yet to pay somehow and very soon. Also it will cost me $38.00 more to get back to Missouri, making a total of $191.00) one hundred and ninety one dollars, and besides this I still owe a bill of twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50.) in Black Hawk.

I must if possible, get that $200.00 promised aid from Board, as I have labored faithfully and engaged to remain in the field relying solely upon said from said Board. I will be financially ruined if I do not get it and cannot pay my debts without it.

Do you know why the Board failed to send me the expected aid, or will they yet do so? Please inform me. I want you to write them in my behalf and state the case, and request them to send it on as soon as possible. Tell them to send it to Black Hawk, Gilpin Co., Colorado, or to Richmond, Ray co., Mo.

All my letters will be promptly forwarded to me. There is $100.00 on deposit with the Board expressly for Idaho Church, by a gentleman of Cleveland. It was $200.00, but $100.00 has already been drawn.

The foregoing is a plain statement of the case and i certainly is no fault of mine that I have left. No man, if he has no money of his own can hold his ground and pay all bills, if he is not supported.

I am well satisfied that much good was done, and many deeply impressed and could I have remained the churches would have grown up, especially Idaho, which was very promising and getting better and better all the time. There is but little money among the members of either of those churches and outside help is very uncertain. So far as the members of the c churches are concerned, I believe every one of them wished me earnestly to remain and expressed much sorrow that I left. The only objectors were universalists who could not stand the truth. Please let me hear from you at once and from the Board. Address me as below. I will be there only a week of ten days.

Fraternally yours,
R. M. Carson.
Richmond, Ray Co.,
Missouri.

P. S. Goodbye and God be with you.

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Evanstown, Wyoming.
August 11, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter and postal card are received. Thank you for your kind words. Oh, if my work was only finished how glad I would be to go. This is truly a bad wicked place, the most so I was ever in. If God does not help us by his spirit, all our planning and labor will be of no avail. If I felt I had one or two praying souls to stay my hands, but really it is very dark. The congregations are good -- evenings a full attentive house. I try to preach only Christ. All are respectful and kind, but this does not satisfy. Money is close, the church buildings are all run down, but I am here and intend to labor on with the help of the Savior, and if we faint not there surely is a promise with my sainted wife, we could together plead at the throne of Grace." Pray for us. Daughter Minnie will be married about the middle of September. It does me much good to see her so very happy. I have to meet the sad influences of Cooper on every hand. It will take time to live it down; and then it is so unpleasant. The M. E. and Baptists are so jealous they have no congregation. I would not throw a stone in their way. I have to pay $18.00 per month for a small house with four rooms; on my salary they have paid $35.00 but this does not trouble me. God will provide.

The children all sent much love to you all. In great haste, and with kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, I remain.

Yours in Jesus.

F. L. Arnold.

P. S. I received $50.00 from Mr. Spencer, and a very kind letter from Mrs. Spencer. They both were very kind. I thank you so much for suggesting my name to them. I have written two or three letters to them.

Yours,

L. L. F.

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Longmont, Colorado.
August 12, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:--

Returning from Rollinsville yesterday, I found your card of inquiry awaiting me.

Please come over to Longmont to-morrow if possible. Very much delighted to see you. We shall look for you. Has a very Providential escape in this trip to the mountains. Was thrown from our buggy and injured but not seriously. Was not able to preach last Sunday. Will not be able to preach next Sunday. Cannot you remain and preach for me? Tune to my hymn is "I will sing for Jesus. Have sent you a copy. Had intended a communion season at Caribou last Sabbath. My being injured prevented.

We remained at Rollinsville nearly a week. Had a good visit. Prospect still fair for the church. Much depends on what the Board does for us. If they keep us to the amount of $1000.00 it is a sure thing. If not, not so sure.

Mead has utterly denounced the "Moral Law" as a thing not binding any man's conscience. Have just answered the Stirling letter. Do not understand your note "answer &c -- tune $.50¢.

Fraternally &c.
W. P. Teitsworth.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
August 12, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:--

I answered Brother Hawley's welcome letter enclosing my cancelled note, and the $60.00 from Brother VanCleve. It was most opportune. I had asked one merchant to trust me for 90 days, as I could make no definite promise before that; but he refused as he could allow only 30 days. I offered him 3 per cent a month on the amount incurred! So that discouraged me from asking from others. I preferred the Lord to the storekeepers. He cashed my cheque to the tune of $60.00. I now hope He may add to it; for I have only halfenough for a plain living. Owe about $325.00, $125.00 of it due October 1st. Board at that time may get my second quarterage due me, and so that for next quarter after deducting debt and $67.50 for 3 month's rent in advance I'll have only $57.50, plus what is raised on the field, to last me 'till about Christmas. I used my own jackplane and saws and made seem articles of furniture.

Elder Harson borrowed 3 chairs for me. The M. E. Brother Richards donated me on his departure his book-shelves, table, bedstead and two chairs. I donated him a coat and vest, and on my last Sunday night in Del Norte, before going for Mus. D. raised him $115.00 in ten minutes. It was like old times to stand before an audience and mentally pray and orally pull money out of their pockets. The subscription &c. I then started reached $210.00 for him that week. I bought only $18.00 worth of furniture. We are very comfortably situated, in a good four-roomed house that Harson built to suit me; but the rent makes a big hole in my purse. After Christmas we shall be more comfortably situated. Till then we can manage to live by confining my labors to Del Norte. I can't contribute $14.00 a month any longer for the privilege of preaching the gospel in Saguache! I havn't it. I am "localized" as I feared, and I hate it! Not but that it would be pleasant to have Del Norte, alone for a field; but you asked me to come here. Presbytery commissioned me to go to the San Juan and I proclaimed that I was here to do a Bishop's work, and here I am. I feel mean and small in the situation. I borrowed money once to go pay expenses already incurred at Saguache. I owe it yet. I cannot do

so any more. Men ask me "when are you coming to the "Summit" when to Silverton, to Lake City? " One writes from the Folks of the Animas "Come and preach to us." "Let me know when you are coming "!

Saguche has only one Presbyterian on whom we can count. The Saugre De Christe miners and ranchmen want me. No money to go on! If my sewing machine money would come in 30 days I would go to the miners instanter. The miners would keep me while among them. Bed and board have both been offered me. I have only women and children- at least mostly such - to preach to here: With all my enthusiasm for Missionary exploration and ingathering, I have to lay aside the Missionary for the Pastor -- honorable enough but not my present marching orders. It makes me almost sick; but trying to interpret the presidential confinement of the scope of my labors, I am pressing God at the Throne of Grace for an out-pouring of his Spirit in conversions; and am trying to crystalize my work here and so make my present organization strong and complete. I have started our prayer meeting , as I wrote you. We organized S. S. on July 29, Mrs. Darley, owing to her health, not being able to help there, will commence next Tuesday to teach the children to sing at our house. She is very successful in that form of work. Walking is very painful to her, so we make slow work in returning the numerous "calls." A Preacher's wife is a novelty in this Valley. She being the first preacher's wife in the San Luis Valley. All of my predecessors have been bachelors. The M. E. 'S have commissioned a raw hand for their work here. Episcopal Bishop did nothing. I have had promise of best lot in Del Norte for church by Mr. Tankersley, formerly of Denver. I had 3 marriages in July. I rode "Frank" a little to-day. I have secured the "Psalmist," 35 copies for SS. Peter Houghton offered to secure $20.00 to get and Sunday School papers for the School, when I told him of McHarghen of New York, sending me the above books. I have not been able to do much work this quarter compared with the first one. Money -- Money, would that I had those sineus of war. If the Board had only given me our Presbyterially asked quarterage -- $375.00, I would have been all right from this time on; if they then would have allowed me $1000.00 per annum and what I raised on the field.

Subscription now shows $324 per annum. I do not design respecting a cent to the Board till I get my $1500.00. I wrote them my strongest opinion of their unconstitutional attempt to limit my first report to them.

I sent you an article last week on the Western Natural Man. I have since regretted that I did not use the word "drag," instead of "Unseat" the Deity from the throne of the Universe." (near the end of the article. Please change.) Also on first use of same word, write "in" instead of "from" after "Unseat," and before "heart." I hope the article may be published . I wonder if W. H. Illsley is my old class-mate in St. Louis High School! Mrs. Darley was very grateful to the Hawleys and Mrs. Jackson for their kind treatment. Please so say to them.

I forgot to mention it in my letter to Brother Hawley. I wrote Miss Dale's class an immense "horse" letter before she sent the money, and acknowledged it briefly in a letter stating our "needs" to be supplied by her "box." I await her answer to these before writing further. I did not get but one valuable specimen for want of time. But I have not forgotten your request. I am grateful for your remembrance of me and that of others at the throne of grace, may the prayers prove effectual, especially in conversions. I did my best to illuminate preacherless Pueblo while there. They have a nice church. That Mrs. Elderkin is a jewel. Mrs. Darley met an old schoolmate there -- Miss. R. Conkling. I several old friends. How is it Trinidad can raise and secure $1500.00 for Gage and the Board limits me to $1000.00 away off at Del Norte? God helping me, I'll make it lively on that issue yet. I always avenge corporate injustice, and ever will. I can never cease to thank Brother Hawley and yourself for your earnest endeavors on my behalf. Please assure him of my distinguished consideration. I felt sorry for VanDeveer's pale face and tired look.

Regards to all enquiring friends.

Yours ever gratefully,
Alex M. Darley.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
August 13, 1875.

Brother Jackson.

Do you expect to be at Georgetown a Sabbath before Presbytery meets? I wish you could and moderate at Congregational meeting. I hope Patterson will come down here and spend the Sabbath. I will furnish him such accommodations as I have, and first rate board. Am at Phelps House at present.

Brother John L. Gage.

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Salt Lake, Utah.
August 14, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your fans came to hand. Also draft of $33.00 and two dollars currency. I turned over $10.00 to McMillan. He is making his plans to go East about the 20th of October to raise the money for that house. I think it the best thing he can do. We must hold Mt. Pleasant. It will be worth more to us financially three times over, than its cost. I send you photo. I hope to have a better in October. You can have an exchange if you wish. I havr been working this week on the Journal. It is a "Big Thing" to mail 10,000 copies. I am writing in "Beta." The Herald Presbyterian used my article in the first number, on Home Influence, without giving our Journal credit. The Teachers of Utah are taking right hold of it. The Methodist and Episcopalian bretherin

were, I think, just a little chagrined and jealous. The Methodists dedicate their church tomorrow. We close our church. I was at Bingham last Sunday. Crowded houses. We must have a live man for Bingham and Alton. Did I tell you that we had nine additions at our last communion. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours fraternally,
Josiah Welch.

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Longmont, Colorado.
August 14th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Have just now received a letter from Dr. Wilson, which I send you with my answer. Please examine both and back up the application strongly, simply because truth and righteousness demand it.

Have endeavored to make a true and lucid statement of it; [illegible] in any particular, please correct and forward [illegible] will our great [illegible] just now. [illegible] for years. Of [illegible] dollars dwindles into [illegible] compared with [illegible] opportunity for the glory of God. As in the battles of a nation's struggles for freedom, so in the battles of the church in her struggle for existence, only vastly more so.

For here there are hazards for eternal losses.

Have to-day received a letter from a lady and [illegible] another Presbyterian family. And so the work goes forward. Blessed be God. Had a good day on Sunday. Hope you had a far better.

Fraternally &c.
W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. Sorry to trouble you with the reading of so long a document. Nearly as long as from here to the moon.

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Boulder, Colorado.
August 16, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Have just received a letter from Church Erection Board. They decline to grant our application on account of the arrangements between the Home Mission Boards of ours and the Congregational Church and the representation of Dr. Stores that they have the matter open and desire to hear from us again. I am hot, but will not write them until I cool down.

Our long letter which explained the state of things here most clearly, ought to have satisfied them. If they will not take the word of their own missionary, who has had to struggle

as I have, but take the word of our own enemies and those whom I consider the enemies of Christ's cause, then I want to know it and I'll make it hot for them before I am through with the matter. Furthermore, by this act they greatly discourage our trustees and friends generally, and virtually say that the home board has done wrong in keeping us here.

Would send you Dr. W's letter but I desire to present it to the Board of Trustees to-night. Not satisfied with fighting us here, they carry it on to New York.

May the Lord direct so that the right thing may be done.

In haste your Brother,

J. E. Anderson.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
August 16th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter to care of Brother Welch was received on the eve of my departure from the city. Many thanks for the X. I write Miss H. an acknowledgement. My quarter's salary was received on the 28th ult., and paid over every cent of it to the crs. on the house. My board bill goes over till next quarter's salary comes in. I think I have a teacher. Mr. Walker and wife of Cheyenne will probably take charge of the school. We are in the midst of hay and wheat harvest. All are busy. (D.V.) start tomorrow for a tour through Sevier, Piute, and Beaver Counties. I will report as soon as I return one week hence. What would you think of my going East for funds in October? I can lay the claims of this Utah field before the people as I dare not write it. Gentlemen from three different towns have recently come to urge me to open schools in their respective towns. One came 35 miles but the Mormons have closed their schools houses against gentile teachers. The only chance is to build. The liberals are too poor and weak for that. Many Mormons who dare not contribute to such a building fund would patronize the school. One man from a small new settlement on the line of a projected railroad offered me 10 acres of land, beautifully situated at the foot of a grand mountain and at the mouth of a picturesque canon overlooking this valley and six of its towns, if I would build a school house upon it. If I had the financial backing I verily believe I could control the school interests of the county in spite of the "church Authorities." More again.

Yours in Christian love,

D. J. McMillian.

P. S. I have no photo now. Will send you one as soon as possible.

Many thanks to Mrs. Jackson for her precious letter of Christian sympathy. Would have replied but my mind was so preoccupied with distressing perplexities &c. &c. Love to all.

D. J. M.

Boulder, Colorado.
August 17, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

Mr. Lockwood thinks I am mistaken about this being Dr. Stores and thinks it is a member of our own board referred to. I did not know that any of our Board had been here. It is very strange that a membr of our own board should come here and not see me or any of our members and then go off and report unfavorably of our cause. Enclosed is Dr. W's letter. Please return it to your Brother in Christ.

J. E. Anderson.

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Boulder, Colorado.
August 20, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

It is now 11 o'clock A. M. and I am in Boulder. Have come over from Longmont since 8 o'clock. Am on the way to Caribou. Did not receive yours of yesterday till late in the evening. Was up at Barneys.

Your letter was not quite definite. Will make therefore, a few inquiries.

1st. Ought I to be in Denver at the called meeting of Presbytery? or is it called only for the purpose of arranging the place of meeting, and can it be done without my presence? Do not wish to come unless necessary.

2nd. Do you not intend sending my letter to Dr. Wilson? I mean the one addressed to him. I gathered from your letter that you did not especially as you urge my writing again. Believe that covers all the ground.

Am obliged for your suggestion, calling me to fasting and prayer. Have been in the habit until of late of setting apart every Tuesday as such a day. Will now begin again. Will not you join me in making these places objects of special prayer. You know we are moving for church buildings in all three. Have had a talk with all our Trustees at Longmont, except one, about that corner lot. All oppose. But they take you up on your second proposition. The church will therefore, be built upon the Keiltey lots.

Much obliged for the interest you feel in our comfort. Will write that lady as soon as I return.

Since your visit at Longmont a hail storm passed just south of Longmont one left hand, destroying every vestage of green. Nothing remains.

Last night we had a severe thunder storm at Longmont. Benson's house, -- near ours -- was struck wirh lightning, tearing one corner fearfully.

Must now go forward. Goodbye. God bless you and yours.

Fraternally yours in the Gospel.

W. P. Teitsworth.

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Wellsburg, West Va.
August 21st, 1875.

R. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 10th is at hand. I am quite willing to write the letters if I can suit your wants. As to price, just pay what they are worth to you. That is what seems a suitable price to the work and your means. Let me have the paper containing this letter and tell me what date you need the next for. I wish you could send me some information about the work, interests, progress &c. to go on. Also, I am organizing all the girls of our church in a Home Mission Society with a view to a fair, and that sort of thing, and I want a few items or papers or pamphlets on the subject to read to them when they meet.

You see I have lost two years of our Home Mission Work being away.

Very truly,
J. McNair Wright.

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Idaho Springs, Colorado.
Agust 23, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I cannot come to Denver at the time you named. I don't think it necessary for another Preacher to come here. We cannot support one and it is useless to apply for aid of the Board for Idaho.

Ever your Brother,
W. A. Ross.

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New York, N. Y.
August 23, 1875.

C. M. T. Johnson, Esq.,
Dear Sir:--

I have just received your letter of the 20th, with two notes for $200.00 and $150.00 equalling $350.00. Had the money been sent to us for their church we would have credited the amount to the donor and forwarded the money, taking our usual form of mortgage and insurance on the property. I will endeavor to get this from Fair Play Church.

Yours truly,
H. R. Wilson.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming.
August 24, 1875.

My dear Doctor:-

Reached here Saturday at two, pleasantly impressed with the people but the country looks as if it had not

yet recovered from the effects of Noah's flood. As soon as I got some of the dirt washed off I started to view the ground, got the records and found there were 13 members of Cheyenne church, two not able to attend, and as with the little Indians, this left eleven. Church in debt $550.00 for which it is paying 24%. I like to lock things square in the face. Some things howevr, are prettier than others -- with the help of my master this must be changed a little. I have already written East to borrow money at 10%. This will save 14% per annum.

I do not think Nimrod, the mighty hunter, could ever have found 18 acting members in this church at one time. Some have left for parts unknown, (one to the Penitentary,) without getting certificates. I preached yesterday at 11, to a thoroughly settled congregation, then came Sabbath school with a good attendance of children and teachers, singing fine, internal Thermometer went up from zero to about 42. Evening congregation better, good attention, 8 deg. higher. Yesterday Elder Snyder took me around to get me fixed up. I am much pleased with Snyder, he seems to say what he thinks and thinks pretty near right.

Yours in haste,
J. V. Cornick.

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Silver City, New Mexico.
August 26, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

Yours received. Sorry you had such a hard trip. You have doubtless received my card announcing the decisionof our committee in favor of the Estey Organ, which we get at $50¢ discount. Glad you met my brothers.

I have been on the sick list again and just feeling better. Have had to defer the letter to paper in consequence. Will send it soon. Hope to get right up after awhile. Do you go East? My trunk is all right.

Your brother in Christ.
W. W. Curtis.

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West Chester, Pa.
August 30, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Friend:--

I have been wishing to send on my subscription to your paper, for some time past and have feared you were not at home. This is the season when almost everybody seems to be off somewhere. I have no idea how many I subscribed for, but will send ten dollars as soon as I hear from you, and if it is not enough I know you will let me know promptly, and if too much throw it into the paper in any way you like. It has been so long since I heard from you, or much about your work, that I feel anxious to know how you are get-

ting on, and how your effort to get the missionary hymns has succeeded? I felt very much interested in that enterprise. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you have time to write. After hearing I will send on the money. Our friends in New York will soon be at work, and I do hope they will become interested, so that the work will do them good in their own souls. I think Mrs. Lewis is feeling a deep interest in what they are about to undertake. I had a letter from her not long since in which she told me she should write soon and tell me all their plans. She is now at Napswell, Maine. Will return in September, she thinks.

And now I want to speak to you of a family with whom I have long been acquainted, and who are now at the Park Place Hotel in Denver. As I am not able now to write a very long letter, I will enclose one I received on Saturday last from the daughter of the suffering friend of which I speak. I will not repeat what is in the letter, but will tell you something of the family. General Ellet was the commander of the Ram fleet during the war. After his brother, Charles Ellet's death. His brother Charles took the fleet from our old home, New Albany, Ia. Iowa, where it had been fitted up. The Evening he left the house to go down the river he said if he was wounded in taking Memphis, he would come to us to be cared for, and asked "if I cannot come will you come to me?" My husband replied we would if we could. The commander of the fleet, General A. W Ellet, being also a commander of one of the Rams. You will remember he took Memphis in fifteen minutes after the fight began. And while hundreds of the Evening went down with their boats, he alone was wounded. I went down on the first boat through, which was dismantled of all furniture excepting the stateroom I occupied. As it was feared the boat would be taken by the rebels, as the enemy were on both sides of the river. After being there a few days in the intense heat, the Ram ship was ordered up to our place and he could not be moved, and he died on his way up to the house. His lovely wife sank right down under her grief and was buried the same week in the same grave. His remains lay in State in Philadelphia, sometime in the meantime she died. I was with them under so much suffering and affliction that we learned to love each other very much. Mrs. Ellet had a cancer removed last winter in Philadelphia, and it seems from her daughter's letter, that it has returned. They took her to Denver, thinking the Cold Church might do her good. General Ellet is a Universalist. I think his daughter has joined the Episcopal church. I am not sure. Mrs. Ellet's mother is a good christian woman, and I think Mrs. Ellet is also but when I last saw her soon after the cancer was removed, she seemedto want to talk on the subject, and I thought her mind was unsettled and she felt anxious.

I would be grateful if you would call and inquire for Mrs. Kendall, and tell her that I had told you that they were strangers and simply let them know it at any time they were in need of a friendthat you resided in the place &c. It may be that Mrs. Ellet would be glad to see a Christian minister. They are not

a people that would tax anyone severely. I thought it would be a comfort to me to know that you knew of them. Any attention you may pay to them will be very gratifying to me, and I will be very grateful.

Mr. Lewis desires me to tell you that he is going to send you a paper containing an account of a clan gathering of the Jackson family, held near here lately. He thinks you may be one of them. His mother was a jackson. I add this to my letter at his request.

Your friend,
P. A. Lewis.

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New York, N. Y.
August 30, 1875.

Rev. J. L. Gage,
Trinidad, Colo.

My dear Brother:-

Trinidad has proved rather a discouraging field and the ministers change so frequently that the Board asks for more information respecting it befor acting on the application for you. They request me to write you for the fullest information you can furnish.

Most truly and fraternally yours,

NOTE: I would not have come down had I thought there was the slightest doubt of a commission and a living. Hope I will not be compelled to go East. I thought, and still think I know enough of Mission work to know a good point. Have a very cordial welcome here. Good audiences etc. Living is far more expensive here than in Georgetown. Brother Jackson will youwrite the board and I will do the same and can you state to Board thatthey can rely on my extimate from experience, if you consider it a good point.

J. L. Gage.

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23 Center St., New York, N.Y.
August 30, 1875.

Dear Brother jackson:

We had an interview with Mrs. Graham and have found her unwilling to yield and we have thought best to wait till the ministers get back to the City. We can confer with them before we take any other steps. But we want you to come East and make a campaign, first among the Synods and then in the cities and in working the matter up. We would like to have you visit as many of the eastern Synods as possible and if it comes convenient to be at New York, New Jersey, Albany, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Pittsburg, central and Western New York, all or as many as possible and as far East

as possible, other things being equal, for here is the money. After the Synod we must move among the masses, stirring up the the women in the city and country in this great work. If we cannot organize as we would we must work as we did last year, only more extensively and more vigorously.

We wish you to confine yourself before the Synod to the Woman's Work and the Sabbath School work and leave the general missionary appeals to others or to themselves. But press home on them this one feature Women's and Children's work for women and children on Home Mission fields. Dr. D. and myself will probably be West in the synods from about October 1st of a little before till they close and may not be able to see you, but when the Synods close and we get back to the office we shall want a conference with you and lay out our work for the remainder of the fall and the early winter. I think you had better make your arrangements to remain East, if need be, until the holidays and perhaps longer. Of course we cannot determine at this distance beforehand, but as we propose an advance movement, our only safe course is topush it with all our might. We shall probably get out a circular to the Women on the whole subject including boxes ect. etc.

We shall try to push the idea of last year and have the ladies take up the same missionary they did last year and keep him on hadn, if he and his family prove satisfactory year after year.

Our financial condition is alarmingly low, but we have no idea of being cast down or thrown into dispair. We must push forward and see what a year will bring forth.

The Committee on Instruction expect to meet in our office November 11, 1875. After that we shall know more about that cause than we do now. Let us hear from you.

Yours very truly,
H. Kendall.

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Salt Lake, Utah.
September 1st. 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Our Rocky Mountain came last night full of rich kernells. I wish it could be put into every Presbyterian family between "Dan and Beersheba. I shot off a small Howitzer in answer to Dr. Hill and the Editor of the Banner, in their attack on the Secretaries article in August Number of Record. I don't know whether Allison will publish it or not, if not we will"tell unto the Church" through some of the other papers. I see the Evangelist goes for Presbyter from a"Naboring City in last week's issue. All we win is agitation. There is nothing in Home Mission matters so much to be dreaded as "asphyxia." The Californians say it killed Ralston. It will kill home missions if it gets a grip. So I think it a healthy sign to see methods of work and conduct ofBoard and manifestos of Secretary's criticism. I feel that the Board's policy and

integrity, enterprise and loyalty will bear criticism, and if there is not virtue enough in 1200 pens of Home Missionarys to defend them, one point of every pen ought to be broken off, and we ought to pray the Lord for a new set of Missionaries.

Our school opens splendidly -- between eighty and ninety pupils yesterday -- think we will have 125 this session.

Are you making your calculations for October Presbytery &c.? Our plan now is to have our connubial entertainment on Tuesday Eve, October 14th, at 8, P.M., or if you can't get out until then the same eve at 9, P.M. Presbytery Friday and Saturday and installation Sunday October 17th. We expect you to the people, Brother McMillian to preach sermon, Arnold to preside and Gill. to pastor. I think that will be best. You know this people pretty well, Gillispie knows me from five years contact in classroom.

What about Synod? Is it "to be or not to be! That is the question?" Regards to Mrs. Jackson. Make up your mind to spend the week with us when Presbytery meets.

Your Brother
Welch.

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Fairplay, Colorado.
September 1st 1875.

Brother Jackson:-

Our Fair and Festival was held last Friday eve. We realized nearly $200.00 clear, ($187.00 exactly.(This was as well as we could expect and better than most expectations. This enables to calcimine, grain and varnish our church. and have something left to turn on salary. The church is already calcimined and is being nicely grained so it will look very pleasant and neat.

Have just returned from Tarryall creek. Have found several Presbyterians scattered around of late, whom I am inducing to joinour church here. Mrs F. went with me. We gathered a nice lot of berries and had a friendly time. If the place of Presbytery is decided inform me at once.

Yours fraternally,
D. L. Fink.

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Los Angeles, California.
September 1st 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

At a meeting of Los Angeles Presbytery last week, authentic information was placed before that body to the effect that Rev. Mr. Warren of San Francisco, new Agent of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the Pacific Coast was perfecting his arrangements to visit Prescott, Tucson, andother points in Arizona, early in November next, if not

before, for the purpose of organizing churches and otherwise extending Congregationalism in that Territory. At the same time a copy of the minutes of the General Assembly was received from which we learn that Arizona is taken from this Presbytery and added to that of Utah and hence is now properly under your care.

Had this action not been taken by the General Assembly, we should have at once sent an agent into that field and have saved the places mentioned, to our church. We are the more anxious that this should be done from the fact that a number of our best Presbyterian families are now on their way to that territory and others expect to follow very soon. Then from the intercourse we have hitherto had with those acquainted there we are assured that the predominating influence ought to be presbyterian. Presbyterian families are settled in various places from the middle and southern states. They do not readily enter other churches and are hoping and praying for churchesand ministers. Hitherto we in Southern California have been too weak to render them any aid. We are growing stronger and just when we might have begun to look after that field it is taken from us. But we shall not complain if only it is promptly and properly cared for. Can you not go to Prescott at once and plan a church there? Our Presbytery passed a resolution recommending the states Clerk to write you on the subject, but since I learn he has severe affliction in his family and must defer writing. Dr. Scott who is now with me from San Francisco, advises me to write at once as I have done. Should Rev. Robert Story write you, of course there will be no harm done. He is our States Clerk. Was not at our meeting and may not be able to write you in time to enable you to reach Arizona before Mr. Warren.

We have long known Mr. Warren as a persistent, watchful and energetic Congregationalist. He has organized Congregational churches repeatedly out of Presbyterian material. You need not depend upon Mr. Fraser who is our District Secretary of Home Missions. He will not go. As thingsnow are, if Arizona is saved at all to our church, you must do it, and there is no time to lose -- not a day.

It is a richer mining district than Nevada and as soon as the railroad penetrates it it will fill up with multitudes of enterprising people. If our church is there to welcome them they will cluster about it, if not they will go to other denominations. Will you go at once? Can we assure our families that they will not be neglected or turned over to others, but that they shall have the gospel in its purity and simplicity from those of their own faith and church?

We all feel deeply in earnest, really anxious, and hope you may be able to rear the standard of the cross by means of our church in that new and distient field.

May God guide and strengthen and protect you in this enterprise. I shall hope to hear from you and of your success at an early day. Our Synod meets the 5th of October. May I then be able to report progress, or at least that you are on the way?

Yours truly,
A. F. White.

P.S. Warren has promised to take two or three ministers with him or have them follow him at once. Can you do as well?
If not organize the churches and appeal to the young men East. Organizations secure the field. Do this at all hazards.

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Laramie, Wyo.
Sept. 2nd, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I send you a few items for your next number of the Presbyterian. Our session has received three members on profession of faith and three on certificates, since last communion. We have renovated and calcimined our church and raised the money for a new Sunday School Library.

At Rawlins we received two on profession of their faith, on last communion, and one more will join, Prividence permitting, on my next visit. The Sabbath School there has received a beautiful Library, of our Board, from the 13th Street church, New York. Our Congregations in Laramie remain unchanged by the advent of ministers now to all the other churches. Indeed, they and the Sunday Schools are increasingly interesting.

I will send you an article suggested by the peace headed: "Where are the men," in last, if you have room for it.

I am quite anxious to see you as I have some matters to talk over that I can not well write about.

If it would bot be too much trouble I wish you would send me on a postal, the time and place of the next meeting of Presbetery and Synod.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and children.

Yours in the Gospel.
W. E. Hamilton.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
September 3, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I am glad you published names of Miss Dale's class of boys who contributed to my horse. Thanks for publishing our article. I've mailed the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to about 15 parties. A. E. Reed in not in this country so you need not send the paper to him again. That reed shakes his head doubtfully over the problem of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian away off in New York. I so interpreted the postal on receiving it. Our Sunday School was organized with 41 last Sabbath. Expect more next . We have 4 different Sunday School papers. Use Westminster Lesson Leaves &c. It meets with great favor. Added 4 heads of families to oru church last Sabbath. 3 ladies and one gentleman. 3 of them

by letter -- and one -- the wife of the gentleman who gave us the church lot on Columbia Avenue -- on examination.

J. J. Crooke (the Swelter man) from N. Y. City -- here on business gave me $100.00 towards church erection. We have 4 names now on subscription for $100.00. This paper at present is designed for private circulation among healthy visitors. That was Cooke's suggestion, who leads with $100.00 cash. A desire for a church building is growing in this community. We foster it. We hope in God's good time to cash the feeling. Got 6 tune books for my choir from Board of publication. A gift. We have Board of Publication, Home Board and Foreign Board among our collections from the Sundy School. "The session is Superintendent of our Sunday School.

Miss. Dale has not written me an answer to either of my letters at to the "Box," or the horse. We are anxious about the former. It ought, if possible, come early in the fall.

Horse still in stable and no money to travel on, not half enough for fair living. Mrs. Darley is to teach "Infant Class" of Sunday School in our parlor , and sing with them. She also sings with larger ones on Tuesdays. She can't get about much. That article from the August "Record." "Robbing Paul to pay Peter, " is suicidal, contrary to every principal of Benovolence. There is a better cure always than retrenchment. "There is that that scattereth and yet increaseth." Retrenchment is the sin of the Assembly, and has cursed our church, so that she has increased in everything but benovolence" til this last year ever since

Love to bretherin,
Yours fraternally,
Alex. M. Darley.

P. S. What could I get a good 6-stop organ for?
A.M.D.

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Silver City, N. Mex.,
September 3, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

At last I send you the letter, such as to is, for your paper. I have not waited until I was well, but have written it between fevers. I do not seem to get over the dumb-ague or intermittent fever, or whatever it is. I have filled all my appointments except two, herein Silver City and have been obliged to omit for a month my two farther stations. I hope soon to be filling all my appointments as usual.

I feel somewhat discouraged about a church organization. The old man I was speaking to you about -- over on the Gila works on Sunday and, they tell me swears occasionally. There are not over two or three who are what they ought to be as church members. Other who would probably come in ought to be disciplined from the very out-set.

Perhaps its best to try them, however. Great excitement over elections. Mass meetings here two Sunday nights in suc-

cession. Only two out to preaching. --

I would prefer my name should not be attached to the letter. Let it be as I have written it, "by a home Missionary," I will try to send you various items and incidents as thye may come up.

Hope you are all well. I think this region far from healthy. A good many have been sick lately. Kind regards to your family.

Very truly yours,
W. W. Curtis.

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Salt Lake, Utah.
September 13, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter is at hand. I am sorry you are not to be with us in October. If it were anything else save Home Missions that calls you away I would enter a protest. We will try and have things go off as smoothly as possible, however, notwithstanding.

We have told our people here about the wedding and they are all enthusiastic. The ladies of the church are going to make a church affair of the reception, in the church parlors.

I will write you a short article embracing in the main what I said to the Board on the Record Article. I will wait until I get my banner to-night. It may be in it; if it is not I am going to write Allison a personal note, will say to him that he cannot afford to close the columnsof his paper, and quietly ignore us. Much may be said on a matter of so much importance, on the opposite side to which he is committed. There is neither honesty nor Christ in it. We are all well. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson. I want to go east about April 1st, next spring, to do some work on our church debt before Assembly Meeting. But still if the brethrin think best can call the meeting of Synod.

Yours fraternally,
Josiah Welch.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
September 4, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Wrote you yesterday. I enclose petition of Del Norte church for admission to Presbytery, also A. S. Read's letter. I sent my letter of description from Presbytery of Missouri River to that of Colorado to Brother Stewart of Golden.

Elder Rogers yesterday and to-day secured names and amounts covering $108.00 additional salary per annum. Field now raises $410.020 per annum. If I was only even in January I would be all right: Your idea of seeking additional subscriptions

monthly was a most excellent one, as well as monthly payments. One case here -- Tankserley -- Presbyterian Board of Education does excellently, has given us a lot, $100.00 towards church erection, and $2.00 a month on Salary. He is a "Centurion." Would the Lord grow us more such and built us a Synagogue.

Yours fraternally,
Alex. M. Darley.

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San Diego, California.
September 6th, 1875

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.D. D.
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:-

At the called meeting of Los Angeles Presbytery to install Dr. White as pastor of Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, August 29th.; this subject was considered, viz, that Dr. Warren, District Missionary of the Congregational Church of California intends visiting for the purpose of organizing Congregational churches. Tucson, and Prescott Arizona, either the 1st of October or November next. But as you stole a march on California at last Assembly and had Arizona transferred to Colorado Synod our Presbytery could do nothing in the matter. Dr. Scott of San Francisco, where Dr. Warren lives, urged Presbytery to have the brethern write to you to visit these points immediately and organize Presbyterian churches there before Dr. Warren goes and organizes Congregational churches out of Presbyterian material, as he has done elsewhere.

A number of members of Presbyterian church here have moved to Prescott. I write to urge you to visit these points immediately and occupy them for the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. White was duly installed Pastor of 1st, Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, August 29th. Rev. Dr. W. A. Sc Scott of San Francisco, by invitation preached the sermon and gave the charge to the Pastor, making the instalation prayer Rev. John Marquis, the moderator presided, proposing constitutional questions and Rev. J. M. Allis, pastor of Anaheim church gave the charge to the people. Revs. King, Moshier, and McFarland, members of the Presbytery and Rev. Dr. Luckey of ninth church South, and Rev. Mr. Packard Pastor of Congregational church, took part in the services. The good templar's Hall where the church holds their services, was crowded to overflowing with deeply interested congregations morning and at night. The sermon was preached in the morning and the instal lation at night. Dr. White is doing a good work in Los Angeles. This you will fully believe when one year ago the church gave him a call, promising him if he would come and take charge of the church $500.00 and $1500.00 from the Board. At the expiration of the year they made him up by subscription $1500.00 he agreeing to relieve the Board of all but $500.00.

in the call for the first year and now is fully installed.
Not many churches can do better than that . Some 18 were received into the church on the morning of the installation, many of them by profession. But my sheet is about full. Do not fail to visit Tucson and Prescott, Arizona as soon as possible.
I may write you again in a few days. My health has greatly improved since coming to California. Glad to hear of the prosperity of the Santa Fe Presbytery. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and your dear self.
G. D. Mcparland.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
September 7th 1875.

Dear Brother:-
Got two lots in Saguache for church corner S.W. I have just sent to Presbyterian an appeal for papers and 5000 old books to supply the snow-bound miners of the San Juan this winter. If they publish it you please back it. Had 60 at Sunday School last Sabbath. Have run up the M. E. S. S. also to 53. Preached t ice yesterday and Superintended 2 Sunday Schools. Got M. E. Sunday School a Superintendent. Have set Hart to work to get lots in Silverton.
Yours in Christ,
Alex. M. Darley.

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Lafayette, N. Y.
September 8, 1875.

Mr. Jackson.
Sir:-
Your letter was received last week and I can now only say that if I could I should be so glad to send you the amount required to finish the church at once, but that I am unable to do but will try and send you a part. I will write you more definitely in the course of a week or ten days, until which time please accept this hasty note.
Many thanks for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian.
With much respect,
(Mrs.) S. E. Beard.

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La Porte, Ind.
September 10, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-
We received last evening a letter from my wife's cousin, Mrs. Beard of Fayette N. Y., in which she speaks of a letter from you in reference to the Boulder church.

I presume she has written to you. At any rate there are some things in her letter which you ught to know and I transcribe. I judge that you asked her he for $1000.00. She says "His idea is an earnest one, and I would like so much, if I could, to send him the amount he wishes at once, but I cannot do it." "I can send him part of the amount, say $500.00, how do you suppose the ladies of your church could raise part of the thousand if our church here could raise a part." " I would be so glad if I could see the money raised, that seems so sorely needed." This much before she received a letter from my wife. Afterwards in a P. S. "I feel more than ever that I want to do something for the church in Boulder." "If I should conclude to give half the whole amount, do you think your people or your ladies could give half of the remainder?" Thi This is all that bears directly on the case, taken in detached sentences. It seems evident from this, that she has in mind to give the church $500.00, if that will carry them out of the woods. In reference to her proposal to us, I regret to say, that for the year to come we can do nothing in the direction she proposes. I think I mentioned to you that we had paid nearly $10,000.00 of debt the past year, and our ladies are now carrying $700.00 at ten per cent interest, which falls due a year from the 23rd of this month. But is there not some other way which you can find to see the church through? And I want to suggest whether it would not be well for Mrs. B. to take a mortgage similar to that given to the Church Erection committee, never to be paid principal or interest, while the edifice remains in the Presbyterian body. This would prevent alienation. She would never think of it but I suggest it for your consideration. I remember that letter of Dr. Wilson about the church. It seems to me that the case can be so presented to him that they will help. My wife would like to know just how much is needed to carry them through, and whether in asking $1000.00 from Mrs. B. you did it expecting no aid from the Board? If she could hear from you soon, she would delay writing to Mrs. B. until hearing from you.

Very truly yours,
Jean F. Kendall.

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Smith Center, Kansas.
Sept. 11, 1875.

Brother Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:-

I came to this part of Kansas May 8th 1872, when there were neither roads, houses, nor farms and settlers scattered along creeks only. The prospect was indeed gloomy, and especially so for a Presbyterian church. I found a few presbyterians at to whom I preached once a month for a while in a store. At Smith Center we had at that time no place to worship, so I preached in a grove where at the close of service I stood almost ankle deep in mud. My congregation

numbered twelve persons, counting infants, of which Kansas is very prolific. I organized a church at Smith Center with three members. I have received into this church seventeen members in all. We have now in this county three churches, viz: at the above two places and at Cedar. At the last named we have taken steps to build a church the coming year and have a membership of twenty six, to which we hope to add in a few weeks. Here the preaching of the Gospel has produced a marked change. My field of labor extends in a direct line over ninety miles by thirty, and in which we have five organized churches. and several other points where I expect to organize soon. During the last five months I have received into church membership thirty-one persons, eight being on profession. I have never seen the time when people desired the pure gospel more than now. Truly the harvest has come but where are the reapers? May the Lord make haste and send them. Churches are making a great mistake when they send their poorest preachers to the front. This may have answered in former days but it will not do now. We have a population here that has been used to hearing men of talent and unless a preacher can instruct them they prefer to stay home. A few words as to the kind of men we need. First men who shall teach the people in their daily walks and conversation as well as from the pulpit. 2nd. Men, who are in the true sense workers.

Truly yours,
H. F. Albright.

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Trinidad, Colorado.
September 15, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I wrote you yesterday enclosing draft for $100.00. Do you remember my speaking to you in reference to a Missen box for my mother and sister? Brother Henry and I are not able to help her as we formerly were and two of her boys are her sole dependence. Father, you know, was a Home Missionary and a pastor of one church for over 30 years, repeatedly refused calls to larger churches and better salary, and, like most of his associates (Dr. Crothers and Rev. Fullerton.) he left only the influence of a godly life and the home he owned. I mention these facts as perhaps of interest to any church who might interest themselves in her. Mother's healthe is such that my sister is obliged to live at home and take care of her. They do not know that I have written to you of them but I am sure that a box would add to their comfort. I may say further that one of my brothers is an invalid farmer, takes care of himself and helps to keep up the home. All he can do. My younger brother is not through with his studies &c. and so it happens that H. B. and I have done more for her than the others.

You may refer any church to me and I will give them Mother's

address. Mrs. M. A. L. Gage, Poxabell, Ross Co., Ohio.
Perhaps it will be better to let such write to me first. You can, when east, probably find a Ladies' Society which would be pleased to help Mother and Sister. It is not every church which would like to do it perhaps. Will you be East long so that we must address you at N. Y.?
We are quite comfortably settled. I feel that there is work to be done here. We need a Sabbath School Library very much. Persons here have subscribed$25.00 and $50.00 who heretofore have given $5.00 or $10.00 to pastoral support.
Wife joins in kind wishes and thanks for favors.

Brother in Christ,
John L. Gage.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
September 15,1785.

Dear Brother Jickson:
Complete prostration since my severe trip to the Sevier country has prevented my writing earlier. I have, however, met my appointments regularly. I don't want to lose the momentum I have gained.
During my absence I visited eleven towns and settlements, but two, viz: Monroe in Sevier County, and Marysvale in Pinte County, offered encouragement. These are beginning to see the dawning. All the others are in midnight darkness, -- thick gross darkness that might be felt if their enslaved hearts had any feeling left.
Monroe has about 1000 inhabitants, one-half of whom are Liberals. Here I found two gentiles, one of whom, an old English lady, is an Episcopalian, -- the other her son. Liberals generally have no religious faith. They with all the Liberals, received me cordially and invited me to visit them and labor with them as much as possible. Though in the midst of harvest a crowded congregation attended my preaching. They are clamorous for a school but are extremely poor. I am sure there is not enough money handled by the entire community in a year to pay the salary of an ordinary teacher six months. One of the leaders of the Liberal party, an ex-Mormon bishop, who offered me the hospitalities of his house and every possible encouragement said to me at parting, "Now, if you can find a teacher that will take his pay in pumpkins and wood send him along." That community would sacrifice more for the ordinary means of enlightenment than any community east of the Wahsatch Mountains. I promised to spend a week with them this fall, but the intense heat, the clouds of salaratus dust, the bad water, the numerous cimices lectularii and other pestiferous creatures, and severe horse back ride of 160 miles completely prostrated me so that it has been and seems that it will be for some time to come impossible.
At Marysvale, 15 miles south of Monroe, there are 15 or 20 families, all liberals but one family. Among them are 1

one Presbyterian and several Canadian French Catholics. That is they remember that sometime away back in the almost forgotten past, they were for some reason not now apparent, partial to those denominational names. One of the Catholics whose wife had just died invited me to preach the funeral sermon which I did. I have a cordial invitation to visit them again.

Last Sabbath for the first time I attempted a Sabbath school. 20 scholars were in attendance, three times as many as I had any reason to expect. I was Superintendent, Chorister, Secretary, Librarian and Teacher. The library consisted of a package of S. S. Visitor and one Westminster Lesson Leaves.

On Monday the fall term of my school opened. My teacher promises to be an efficient and valuable aid. She will help me in Sabbath School.

If I go East what favors can I get from the Railroads? I have half fare from Ogden to Omaha. If they will pass me free, the money saved shall go to the Mission work here.

I wish you could visit this thorny part of the vineyard.

Yours fraternally,
D. J. McMillan.

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Golden, Colorado.
September 14, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I am so situated this week that it will be next to impossible for me to go to Black Hawk next Sabbath. If you can, you had better go and look at the situation. I laid the matter you speak of before my people here twice and urged it. Some are willing but others rebel and want whole time or none. Sometimes I have felt like taking the "none" alternative but perhaps that would not be best just now. The Black Hawk people could easily raise $750.00 for me and would have done it if I had not written them to stop. It is hard for this church to raise $[illegible]0.00 for full time and it is not near all subscribed yet, but they say they will be responsible for that amount. If the Board should cut me down I don't know what the result would be. We have not made any application yet. Perhaps I may see the way clearer when Presbytery meets. I would like to help the Black Hawk church in this emergency if it were in my power. The election for county Superintendent of schools has resulted in my favor. This is more gratifying from the fact that it was entirely unsolicited. The election passed off very quietly and without any unkind reflections. This office would help me a little if I may here and give me a better opportunity to get acquainted with the people outside of town.

Mr. Gage has written me that they must unite with Black Hawk or he will be obliged to abandon the field. I had not heard of any arrangement of this kind while in the mountains and did not suppose it would be desirable. If such an arrangement can be made however, it had better be done.

Since I received this note I have not urged the matter of a union with Golden. Mrs. Stewart would like to know the name of the gentleman you wished her to write to in behalf of the Sabbath School. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christ,
R. L. Stewart.

P.S. We want to have a conference meeting on Saturday evening while Presbytery is here, with reference to the means for promoting a revival of religion in the bounds of this Presbytery. Brother Bliss opens it. Want you to say something on the subject.

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Denison, Texas.
September 16, 1875.

Brother Jackson:-

Your note dated Denver, September 16th, and postmarked 14th, reached me this day (16th). I notice that it made a remarkable quick trip, as I received it on the same day it was written. The reason of this is, however, no doubt because it was mailed two days before it was written. I allude to this fact only to note the importance of great accuracy.

Well, the contents of your note are carefully considered.

I am glad to know that you responded to the note I dropped you as I passed through Denver, on my return. I cannot account as to why I did not receive it, as I gave strict orders for all my mail to be forwarded. However, you are justified on that point, since you did answer.

If I indulged in any unjust strictures on the Committee of Colorado Presbytery, I am sorry and will retract any unjust stricture, if my error be shown.

1st. In regard to the releiving of Brother Campbell, the Board (Drs. K. & D.) wrote me that it was necessary for Brother C. to ask to be relieved, which it seems he did not do.

2nd. In regard to the congregations making application for my services, you say that was left with me and Mr. Gage.

In reply I beg to say that I was not present at the congregational meeting and you were, (at Black Hawk, at least.) nor would it have been proper for me to be present and officiate in such a case on my own behalf. Furthermore I was totally unacquainted with the rules and regulations of the Board governing such cases, but thought certainly the Committee of Presbytery, to whom I trusted Knew all about what to do.

I cannot see how Mr. Gage or the committee could suppose that such congregational action was unnecessary, when it is one of the positive laws of the Board, applying to all such cases.

The Board at New York certainly consider the case very badly and irregularly managed and have so stated to me and attributed all the failure to that mismanagement on the part of

of Presbytery Committee.

For your own and the Committee's efforts since, in trying to right the matter I am duly obliged and trust they will be successful. As for being myself "largely responsible for this state of things," I cannot see it. Having held on for near four months and become bankrupt and over fifty dollars in debt and getting in deeper all the while, and no prospect of relief that I could see, I could do nothing else but "skin out," the best and quickest way I could. Had your assurances of certain aid reached me sooner, they might have been of more service to me.

In addition to all this Brother Hawley wrote me that the reason why the Board failed to respond was "on account of the condition of its treasury."

I know not what authority he had for that statement.

Truly and fraternally,
R.M.Carson,
Denison, Grayson Co.,
Texas.

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Boulder, Colorado.
September 11, 1875.

Dear Brother:

In reply to yours of 15th instant just received

It will cost to complete the church	$1475.00	Present
indebtedness, mortgage and interest --------	880.00	
The other note ----------	450.00	1330.00
		2805.00
There is subscribed here in Boulder,	$675.00	
I have just received----------	100.00	
Promise of Mr. C. to Bro. A.---------	100.00	$875.00
		1930.00
They have applied to the Board for and hope to get:		1000.00
Leaving a balance as yet unpromised for ----------		930.00

I have made the application for the loan in the way you suggest, with the privilidge of paying off a part or all, before maturity of the note at our option.

Enclosed I hand you the return ticket as far as Cleveland which I hope you can make some use of.

Yours truly,
R. B. Lockwood.

P. S. Doubtful if I can be at Presbytery this fall. Will be if I can. Will you return in time for Spring Presbytery?

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Del Norte, Colorado.
September 17th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I got yours of 11th instant last night.

Many thanks for your kind offer. I have submitted the matter to the Session, and they authorize me to make you the following offer. $100.00 down on receipt of organ and the other $100.00 within six months. Possibly we can pay you all or a part of the remainder before the six months are out and we want the organ anyhow! But you can appreciate the situation. We need an instrument badly. Consider your offer most opportune, for we learned this morning of our not being able to get the one we have been using any more, or at least not longer than we can get yours here. We desire not to push the people overmuch. Over $200.00 has been added to my salary in the last month, it now amounts to $530.00 per annum. We are starting our Sabbath School , and we desire to raise cost of organ by concerts and lectures, which it is our purpose to have this winter. The Session pledge the payment, and if they fail I never do, I pledge it.

So please ship immediately on receipt of this. I shall I shall look for it in ten days or a fortnight. Send to me here in care of Field & Hill, Pueblo.

You cannot tell how providential your offer was. Our choir had just been organized, our Sabbath School just started, when we heard of objections of meeting where we have for practice &c., because it disturbed an old lady of the house &c., so when we get organ we can meet at place of church meeting, disturb nobody, remove all objections, create interest on part of choir, and entice the people to church.

The need of a better instrument has been felt,&c.

So do not fail us. Accept our offer it you can at all, if not, send it and dictate your terms. .

Yours fraternally,

Alex. K. Darley.

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20 E. Washington St., New York.

September 18,75.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

I have been intending to write you ever so often the last few months, but every day has seemed to bring so much to do as to lead me to put it off, thinking there was no hurry. Now, as the call fornames for boxes begin to come in, I thought best to write at once, that if there are any particularly needy cases, you would send them. I got some names at the the other day but they do not particularly strike us, as where there are two or three young women from 16 to 20, they ought to do for them selves, rather than look to being helped. What the Ladies ask for most are cases of sickness , young children, and pressing need. There their hearts go out at once to help, but last winter I sent some names out several times and they were always returned to us. Perhaps this was not right but it is always natural to look for the most needy. Some rather seemed as if they were willing only to satisfy those who were willing to give. You sent me the name of a person but I did not write to her, not having

anything at the time to offer her as a Teacher. If there was a person of the right sort, who could go to El Rancho , and teach English in a school and sing hymns &c., I would try to get someone to provide a salary, but it ought to be just the right one. We could not offer much and could not pay expenses from here down. It is a question whether any lady accustomed to,live here could go down and live there, yet Ann Roberts feels she could do a good work. I fully believe that only by the schools that the work of evangelization is to be accomplished in New Mexico. If there is any plan you can suggest to her in regard to increasing an interest in our home fields I should be glad to have you do so. As soon as the Ladies return to the city, if is our purpose to appoint one wholly to stir up interest in that direction, so that any suggestions from you might be valuable. An objection to the Society rests on us on but I think we can raise money from those who are working and those few who are not who are interested in Home Missions. Please send me some Missionary names and let me hear from you at an early date. Do you know if Miss Nancy Mussel has any place and for what she would be adapted.

Truly yours,
Julia M. Mahon.

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Hamilton, Montana,.,
September 22, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your card, stating that my letter to you of 2nd inst., had been received is at hand. You say "I cannot tell you how deep an interest I feel in our Montana missions and will press their importance on the church with all possible earnestness." If Christians must do work for the Master, as separate families, then in Montana and all new countries while the population is small, there must be planting and not reaping The field in some aspects must seem to receive more labor than is equal to the present apparent fruit. Shall Presbyterians give up Bozeman to other denominations as a mission field because the Methodists and now the Episcopalians have churches there? Our few members there have been now for months desiring to have a minister to reside there and be their leader in spiritual things. And now, while they want and are willing to enlist under such a leader, we trust and hope that the time is auspicious to draw "outsiders" into the work of helping them to pay the salary of a minister, comes Bishop Tuttle and says to the people. "I will place a rector here and give him $600.00 to supplement his salary if you will raise $1200.00. He appoints an "Executive Committee to manage the Society and goes away leaving the people to expect the man we send on soon. The popular address and official prestige of"the Bishop,"is effective, it draws out the approbation and effort of men who would support a Lyceum, a theatre, a race-course, and religious society with equal readiness, only so that "rational entertainment" with social and municipal advantage can be given through

the institution, according to their view. I do not say that the"Bishop" is wrong or unwise to subsidize, if he can, worldly principles to the help of true religion and I hope he will do it; but I do believe that the body of each and every church, truly effective in promoting true religion must consist of persons striving after personal holiness on Gospel principles. I think there are many of such persons as these in Bozeman, as many who will follow the Presbyterian order if they have a leader, as of those who will go with others. Some of our Christian ladies were feeling "Oh, it is not a bit of use for us to do anything now. "The Bishop" has come in the nick of time, and got the subscription of every man who can give, and there is no chance for us. We have lost our opportunity." I reply of these "cast out devils" in the name of Christ don't forbid them, but encourage each other in the name of Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit's teaching and expect that you will have a teacher and pastor sent to you in the Lord's time. I shall continue to go up there one Sabbath each month and preach in the Methodist Church, if they continue to receive us as guests and co-laborers, but I hope you will be able to find a suitable minister for the place. If Brother Rommel or such an one as he could go there, they could hold the ground and advance.

Yours fraternally,
L. B. Crittenden.

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Boulder, Colorado.
September 20, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Dear Brother:-

Brother Anderson has this A. M. received a letter from Dr. Wilson saying that the Board had re-considered their action on our church and have appropriated us $800.00. This is better than before as we now know that we can get that much, but as it is $200.00 less than we had hoped for, it will make the defficiency in all, $1130.00, instead of $930.00, as in my letter of the 11th.

Yours truly,
R. B. Lockwood.

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Riverton Otago, New Zealand.
September 20, 1875.

The Rev. Dr. Jackson.
Dear Sir:-

Please send me regularly a copy of "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" I enclose draft on Bank of England in your favor for 2 pounds. Will you be good enough to remit 30% of the amount to Mr. Peter Walker of Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, by P. O. Order or otherwise. The

balance will pay my subscription to Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and if anything remains after that, it may be put (from my little boy,) to your missionary horse fund.

Will your publishers sell me the wood cut in the May number of Home Missionary riding his circuit in winter? I would be glad to buy it to show our people here some of the difficulties of Missionary work in your country.

I am,
yours very sincerely,
C. Stuart Ross.

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Hamilton Montana Ter.,
September 20, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

In a letter to you of the 20th instant, I told of some hopefulness myself and family were feeling in regard to the school which we have been conducting now for three years, two years in Bozeman and one in our present location, near to Hamilton. We call our school the "Gallatin Female Seminary" and we trust it will grow from the plant which we, by the aid of our christian sisters and friends in "the States" have been nuturing to be a tree of fair proportions, of perennial verdure and of excellent fruitage. The location of this school is near Hamilton, in a homestead which we rented for the purpose last year. But we have purchased a property which we wish to convert into school property and desire of Christian fellow laborers to assist us in so doing. In confidence that they will do it we are now urging forward improvements upon the property and hope to remove the school into it in November. The property consists of 80 acres of land partly under cultivation, and having buildings upon it adapted, by improvements, to the purpose of our Seminary with extrordinary fitness and facility. It is situated almost exactly in the centre of the Gallatin Valley on the stage-road from Helena to Bozeman, with which place it can have daily communication. Our valley is the largest and best valley in Montana and in time must have, as it will sustain a large population. This population will be around the chosen site of our Seminary as a geographical center from which and encircling it as a vast Amphitheatre, we can now look out upon a crest of mountains 300 to 400 miles in circumference. We desire that this location may hereafter be a radiating center of moral and religious light to this valley. We have agreed to pay for this property, $500.00 and hold a good title to it. The improvements we are now making will cost $400.00 They will consist of an addition to the present building, in size 16 feet to 30 feet, which will be our school room and chapel. In it I hope to hold preaching service twice each month for the public, as well as for the members of the school and household. Last winter when our sxhool and household numbered 12 to 15 it was some-

times difficult to get them all out three miles to attend our monthly service, yet by the kindness of some who had teams we generally did it. Try to have our friends send us money to pay for these improvements and the property. Send it to me directly or to J. H. Taylor, elder in the Bozeman Presbyterian church, Bozeman Montana Ter., and it will be faithfully applied. We need and hope to build in the spring, an addition 22 by 4o feet for school and music rooms to be thrown into one room on occasion for assemblies. A subscription is on foot to do this and we hope the completion of what we have now undertaken will open the hearts of the people to complete the greater work by giving them confirmed hope that the school is to be a living blessing to the valley. I have tried to get the presbytery to take hold of this school enterprise, but while they will endorse it to the church at large, they cannot perceive how, as a body, they can effectively move in the matter. We have only three ministers and each has a large field and a new field. We are doing this work at our own expense and probably can make the improvements as wisely and at as little cost as any "Committee" could do. As a family, myself, wife and daughter, are a unit in the purpose to leave the property to the cause of education and religion, if we have the means given us to adapt it to that use. We cannot see how our work is to be continued efficiently unless we can get this home for the school and this center of work about which we can make many evangelical influences to revolve. We shall feel embarrassed if a helping hand is not extended to us, but as we think we are right we shall go forward. We count ourselves trustees in this matter, and will try to show ourselves faithful.

The work which this school is trying to do to give mental, moral and religious culture to the increasing number of girls for whom their parents and guardians are seeking it, is profered by the Convent School, St. Vincents' Academy, in Helena, and there are many which we have had would have gone there but for our school.

Yours in Christian work,
L. P. Crittenden.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
September 20, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote you last Tuesday telling you to send us your Waters Organ. I write again lest you should not receive it immediately. If you got my first, I suppose it is on its way ere you get this.

Send the Organ, we'll pay you $100.00 down and the rest in six months or sooner as you will. Sabbath School now numbers 95 and 100.

Yours fraternally,
Alex. M. Darley.

La Porte, Indiana.
September 21, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Both of yours have been received. I return that of Judge Lockwood. Our Presbytery, at its meeting last week, took action looking to the formation of "Womans' Missionary Societies in our Churches as far as practicable.

Not exclusively in the interest of "Home Missions," but including both the Home and Foreign field.

I hope to see my brother at our meeting of Synnod next month. I am glad to see that Judge Lockwood takes hold of Boulder church matters with interest, and I hope with vigor. I trust that through and with the Board they will come out all right ere many months.

Wife joins me in affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,
John F. Kendall.

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Elizabeth, N. J.
Sept. 21, 1875.

My dear Brother Jackson:-

I have made enquiries in regard to board for Mrs. Jackson and the two children. I am satisfied that we shall be able to suit you here. It will cost for clean and good rooms, somewhere from $18.00 to $24.00. I have not engaged board for you, but I shall go with you to see these places when you come.

Come at once to our house and from here we shall go out to see the boarding places.

I am glad that you are coming East this fall. Your services are needed East this winter.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and children, I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Wm. C. Roberts.

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Los Angeles, Cal.
September 23, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

Yours of the 9th instant is before me.

I am truly sorry that the prospects of our church in Arizona are so beclouded. The Committee of Home Missions in our Presbytery were arranging with a minister to visit and organize churches there when we learned that the General Assembly had taken that field from us. We felt that we had no authority to extend our work into the bounds of your Presbytery and abandoned the enterprise. Soon I learned of the designs of the Congregationalists and when our Presbytery was last in session, August 28th, the whole subject was discussed.

It was decided that we could do nothing further than to write you, and our S'ates Clerk was directed by resolution to do so. As he was not present the bretherin after the adjournment of the Presbytery urged me to write so as to be certain.

Since I have a reliable confirmation of Warrne's intention to occupy Arizona, early in November or before. In organizing Congregational churches there he will use almost wholly Presbyterian matherial, which we ought to have. The time is past when this Presbytery can do anything for Arizona. We could have saved it had we known your views in July or the first of August. It is now too late. We have no man to send. Within two or three weeks past, one of our important churches at San Diego has become vacant and owing to the death of the wife of another of our ministers the church at Anaheim is likely to be vacant any time. We need all our men and more too. You must save Arizona if it is saved at all to our church. We can do nothing. The sooner you fo or send some one there the better. Do not hesitate a moment. As to Home Missions, our zeal has been very much cooled by the course taken in giving aid to our churches. Many applications have been rejected and of those granted, not one of those has been up to the amount asked. Generally a reduction has been made from one fourth to one half a d even more and not a word of explination given or a reason offeeed. In most cases not an expression of sympathy has been made. This course seems unfeeling and arbitrary. The result is the destruction of our gratitude and our interest in the Board. Personally I would oppose any extra effort to raise funds to be doled out to toiling suffering churches and to earnest, self-denying ministers in such a spirit. We ought to have men at the head of the Board who have large hearts and a proper respect for the opinions and feelings of their brother men who are in sympathy with the wants of the struggelin element in our new settlement. I do not wonder the Board is always in debt.

It ought to be if it cannot be managed in a more Christian spirit. For one I shall see that the contributions of the church of which I am pastor shall be applied without passing through the hands of a Board that has no heart, and there are others who feel very much as I do.

I would not write this but from the clear conviction that a great and noble cause is being abused by those who should be its friends. You have been moreover assured to be the champion of it in the west and have a right to know these things.

Trusting that God in his own time will rectify all the defects in the means of carrying on his cause, I remain,

Yours truly,
A. L. White.

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September 27,1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 16th is received. Your plan pleases me. I have sent your letter to Dr. M requesting him to consider the latter and confer with you if he feels disposed to enter into the arrangement. Your purpose pleases me especially as I have for many years been interested in Home Missions and would be glad to further the interests of the same.

Sincerely,
Mrs. G. R. Alden.

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Tucson, Arizona.
September 27, 1875.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 25th received to-day. I will with pleasure publish your notice with one remark. This community is peculiar and must be handled accordingly. Quite a number of Protestants reside here and more are coming constantly. Denominationally speaking I can hardly give you a correct statement of any one person. I believe that there are a few Methodists, some of Presbyterian views, and likewise of Episcopal.

My religious education, imperfect as it was, was in the Presbyterian faith, although to be frank with you, I go much more on the man whose actions are christian in character and incited by the principle of right then upon any creed. Of course, I think to meet the many-minded people of earth, sects are almost a necessity; but in this place a minister of any protestant denomination would be received kindly and have a certain decided support, provided he be a discreet observer, understands men and their surroundings and treats them accordingly; does not try to do wrong or effect a complete revolution at once; deal as a leader not as a driver, not placed forward prominently or in any way conspicuously. It would in my opinion be nothing to a minister's detriment here, to have it distinctly understood that he is a Presbyterian, Methodist or Episcopalian, or Congregationalist, as he sets as before stated. A destinct or pronounced society of either sect here would have little substantial or moral support, and either wanting a failure would be quite certain. The Rev. G. A. Reeder of the Methodist church recently left for Ohio after several years of failure here in Arizona. This people, like most frontier people, are wide-awake, pretty well educated in the schools or by rough experience or both. They are thinking people and would needs have pretty interesting sermons, or would not attend church at all. Reeder failed in this and other particulars too numerous to mention. There is no Protestant minister here now. Should you decide to come over, please advise me

in advance and notice will be given of your coming. You will doubtless hear from others on the subject or your letter, after our paper appears next Saturday, October 2.

Very truly yours John Wasson.

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Silver City, N. Mex.
September 28, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Brother McFarland's letter received which I enclose. The attitude of the California bretherin seems a little comical. They seemed to lean on their oars entirely as regards Arizona until Dr. Scott comes along and tells them that Mr. Warren is going to do Missionary work there when at once they are very earnest and write most energetically to us to take the double quick for Arizona and out-flank Warren.

Well, I am some better but not well enough to go yet and haven't the means to go with. I have been using means of my owne here and am in debt some besides. I feel that I cannot afford to pay the extra expense of a month or two in Tucson. I find the expense will be about the same whiether I go in buck-board or on horseback. The expense of keeping a horse there &c. would be about the same.

Unless some of these good people have reached Tucson from Colorado I have very little hope of effecting any organization in a short time. A person would have to be there sometime to see what kind of church members they are, and if there are any at all, who would wish to go into a Presbyterian organization. I judge in this way by what I have learned. Still it might be better than I suppose. In my inability to go there at once, I have written Dr. White of Los Angeles to instruct the man they send to Prescott to go on to Tucson, telling him the distance was shorter and communication better between Prescott and Tucson than between here and Tucson. I told him of my sickness &c and urged him to see at meeting of Synod, October 5th, that some one was sent to both places and asked him to write to me of their action in advance.

I have written to two persons in Tucson for information and have sent a notice to the Tucson papers, inviting correspondence from members of Presbytery or other protestant church, relative to church work and prospects and stated in the notice that the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions was desirous of sending men to Arizona to places where they were needed and would be acceptable to the people. This paper has an extensive circulation through the territory and I think this notice will let Presbyterians know that they are being thought of, and will be looked after and supplied with ministers &c. I shall have time to hear from Tucson and Dr. White before I am able to go, and can judge a good deal of the prospect.

The way matters are developing I think Arizona belongs naturally to California, and am glad you gave them the liberty to work in Prescott, and I hope they will, look after Tucson also.

I will do the best I can. I should like much to go over to Tucson and see what there is there; I don't think anybody will have any great success there for a while at least. It is mostly a Mexican town and has 600 or 800 Americans they tell me. If we lose a few we can console ourselves by the thought that we are building up here or trying to, on a Methodist and Episcopal foundation.

The large emigration from California puts a different phase on Arizona both as to the necessity of more immediate action and as to the proper way to reach them. It would seem very natural for the Colorado Presbyterians to follow up their own members. Tucson trades with California and it is easier communication between California and Arizona in great part than between New Mexico and Arizona. If the California bretherin had only known of the transfer sooner and informed us of the onset of Brother Warren and cried "head him off," before this and told us about the immigration of presbyterians we could have made a better showing. As it is I almost regret that the transfer was made, though it may be all for the best.

Railroads will be built into Arizona from California before they will be from this way, and our men in Arizona could get to presbytery Meetings &c., easier by going West than coming this way. Still if we can get the men there at work, that is the main thing.

I will do the best I can as to Tucson. I have not the means by me now to go ther but hope to have soon. Registered letter received. Brother White seems greatly in earnest. I think I will write him or Strong or both. Now, I am situated with reference to Tucson. The conveyance from Prescott to Tucson is easier and better and the distance a little shorter than from here to Tucson.

I trust it will all work out for the best interests of Zion and if Brother Warren helps the cause of Christ any in Arizona, he will be doing a good work in a very needy place, and we can rejoice at it.

What has become of our former organizations at Prescott.

I understand they have Methodist and Baptist preaching there. Remember me to Mrs. Kendall and Dickson and all in 23 Center St., Will send you Brother White's letter.

God bless in all your work.

Your brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

P. S. Excust the appearance of this letter, I am not in writing trim. Kind regards to Mrs. Graham. There are signs of the rainy season coming to a close.

Very truly your brother,
W. W. Curtis.

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Longmont, Colorado.
September 29th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Nothing was done at meeting at Presbytery as regards my troubles at Caribou. Well, much as we are in need, I am not at all disposed to manifest the spirit of our good brother Thompson, even though we lose the three hundred dollars. But we are in no way prepared to encounter such a loss, even though we are willing to lose all for the ex excellent riches that are in Christ Jesus. Our mission is not to murmur but to preach the gospel and trust, knowing that the Lord will provide. He has promised good concerning his children and it is not in our hearts to distrust.

You have promised to try to help us. You have already done much and it does seem too much to ask you to do more. Oh, what a blessing is the bearing of burdens in this Mission work if we be one in Christ, seeking his glory. We are about to take active measures for our church at Longmont. Much obliged for your church plan through Brother McMillan, received just in time for our meeting yesterday. All are delighted with it, "just what we want" said Buckingham & Coffin.

You had before sent us the specifications on a roller, but we had not till now noticed the beauty of the building. Work will now be commenced in a week and we hope to be able to go on right to completion and then when we have completed we will be prepared for earnest and independent work.

Fraternally &c.,
W. P. Tellsworth.

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New York, N. Y.
September 30, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

I send you as stated clerk of your synod, the following facts to be read to your Synod at its next meeting.

7 Churches sent us last year ----------$53.65.
29 " did not send any contribution.
We granted five churches------$3,400.00 as follows:

Fair Play, Colorado Presbytery------		$ 600.00
Central City "	"	1,000.00
Georgetown "	"	500.00
Alta City Wyoming	"	500.00
Cheyenne, Krebs Men.	"	1000.00
		3,400.00

Since August 1st, 1875(for the past six months, we have received from

Montana,	1 church, ------	$3.00	
Utah----	1 church ------	1.00	
Colorado	0 "	0	
Santa Fe	0 Total:	0	(over)
		$4.00	

We have granted during the same time to :

Helena, Montana Pres.	$1,000.00
Deer Lodge " "	45.00
Longmont Col.	800.00
Boulder, 1st,	800.00
	2,645.00
Total Grants,	
Total Receipts,	[illegible]
Grants over Receipts	$2,[illegible]

In view of the fact that your churches are drawing so largely upon our treasury it does seem to this Board that each of them should contribute to this cause.

Yours very truly,
W. S. Vil[illegible].

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You told me to tell the Board or yourself what expenses I had incurred for the work of the church. I have been obliged since you were in town some one which the interests of the church required, and for this also the Board ought to pay. I enclose items.

The boys have stolen nearly all the fruit and the fence [illegible] to ruin and mind. General Smith has contracted to make a good paling fence, high, close and strong, built. Cost $150.00. He expects to raise one hundred dollars here in Santa Fe, for the fence and enough needed to fit up an additional room. If may cost no more here. I will learn tomorrow and place the figures in the statement I will send.

Mr. Daniels says that is all justice the Board ought to give him the balance need d for the fence, fifty dollars, and I say too large it much. He will have raised for the improvement of the property, not less than eleven hundred dollars within six months. He has already raised and expended nearly a thousand. The Board ought to encourage his work by giving [illegible].

Now, I do not want the money to come from the ordinary contributions to the Board, which is pressed already too heavily with debt. Nor do I wish anything done for us without the full knowledge and consent of the Board. You asked me, however, in your kindness to do a few [illegible], and I do so only because I cannot do over the three expenses myself. [illegible] comply.

As soon as possible I will send the description of our religious organization. I like your suggestion about a spring [illegible].

With affection and esteem,

Yours fraternally,

George G. Smith.

P. S. There are many little repairs I do not mention. I shall be abundantly satisfied with the payment of the items given.

Bill of Mr. Gildersleeve for obtaining papers pertaining to the title of our Church property.

Santa Fe, N. Mex.,
September 7th, 1875.

The general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
To C. H. Gildersleeve. Dr.

To Transcript of records of deeds to Church property in Santa Fe,----------	$20.00
Paid Probate Clerk,----------	15.00
1 Day Searching Records---------	5.00
	40.00

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Necessary Expenses incurred by myself, which I think the Church at Large ought to pay.

For extra weight of my trunk and valise I paid to the Southern and Overland Stage-Coach Co.,----------	$20.00
For My Box of Books (left in Iron Pittsburgh)---	44.33

(over)

For two pine bookcases (permanent) in the study $22.00
For deeds (the whole legal succession of the titles of our Boards of Foreign and Home Missions) and map of the church property, and of the property of the men who have attempted to seize the property of the church------- 40.00
(Preaching tour to Penasco:--
(For horse and wagon four days at $3.00 per day 12.00
For my instruction in Spanish four months at $10.00 per mo. 40.00
Total. 114.00

Geo. G. Smith.

These book-cases need never be moved from the study, cannot be without being takento pieces, and are a permanent improvement to the house

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Longmont, Colorado.
September 28, 1875.

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 25th instant has been received, and I am thankful to you for the letter to Mr. Kendall of Omaha.

Before sending it on however, I thought I would drop you this note, and say that if it is at all possible to get an order for half fare over the U. P. Road, it would be much more satisfactory and agreeable to my family. They are now living near Cincinnatti, and in coming from that place it would be much more direct and attended with far fewer changes for them to come by Leavenworth, Kansas on the K. P. than by Omaha on the U. P. Road. My wife will have four children with her and will have to take care of them all by herself. Under such circumstances, dreading changes, she will of course wish to have as few of them as possible. By the U. P. route she would have three or four to make; by the K. P. but one, the one at St. Louis and there I could have a friend meet her and assist her in making the change.

I don't wish to seem ungrateful for what you have already done, or burden you with work, but for my wife's sake, constitutionally timid and retiring, I could not but write I could not but write and ask for a change in the work if it was at all possible to effect it.

Mrs. Teasworth will return the photograph of the church when done with it. Fortunately we have the ground plan and elevations of the same building on hand (found by accident) and I think that the Committee will build after that model, only substantial brick instead of adobe.

Yours fraternally,
Geo. McMillan.

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Silver City, New Mexico,
October 5, 1875.

Dr. Jackson & Dr. Dickson.
Dear Brethern:-

I address this letter to you both thinking that Dr. Jackson may be away from New York and you would both like to hear about Tucson. Please forward to Dr. Jackson, if he is absent. I have written to persons in Tucson relative to church matters and have received one reply, the enclosed. It is from the senior editor of the Tucson paper, a man of some age and good experience. He has been some time in Tucson. I asked him to publish a notice inviting correspondence with me on the part of members of presbyterian or other churches and stated that the Presbyterian Board was desirous of sending men to places in Arizona where they were needed and would be acceptable. This will call out letters from any Presbyterians who are longing for a Presbyterian minister &c., if there are any such in Arizona, which is doubtful, unless some of Dr. White's folks have arrived at their new home.

You can see from Mr. Wassons' letter how things are in Tucson. There is at present no proper material in Tucson out of which to organize a Presbyterian or any other church. The denomination that first gets an acceptable man will be the one that will hold the place. It must be a man who goes to stay and settles down among them. I do not think it would be wise or best to go over there now and try to push a Presbyterian organization. It would not be a popular nor successful move as Wasson says. "People here seem to be extremely suspicious of any appearance of denominational selfishness and I think we would do our cause more harm than good by trying to raise an organization for the purpose of getting ahead of another denomination. The way to hold Tucson is to send a hearty, healthy talented man there, with a good wife to help him. If the Congregationalists get a good man there first and he goes to work and builds up a church and succeeds by the grace of God, in resurrecting any ex-Presbyterians from the grave of wickedness and licentiousness in which they have been for some time buried, I should feel like saying with strong Methodist fervor "Bless the Lord."

In the first place I don't think there is yet any proper material for organizing a Presbyterian church. In the next place a man would need to stay sometime and find out whether even those who might be willing to go into a church organization are of sufficient christian character to be received as church members.

After observing here how and what those who are willing to become members of the church are I have come to the conclusion that the time to organize a Presbyterian church in Silver City has not yet arrived These places are very, very different from Kansas towns, where you find a good meeting of two or three churches. I don't believe in organization unless you have at least some good and true element in the organization which

will be a good spectacle for the world to gaze at. There are two men and one lady here that would do; but the men are here temporarily and do not know when they may go. Tucson is a very hard place. It is mostly a Mexican town. Some 600 to 800 Americans, among them about six ladies. Rest are old and young , bachelors, gamblers &c., to great extent. So I am told. Business very good. Trade with Old Mexico, Arizona and California. Mining prospects not very flattering on account of great scarcity of water all over that territory, some emigration which is greatly exaggerated as to numbers . Emigration is something new to them and delights them wonderfully. You cannot find anywhere more critical audiences than here and in Tucson. A good deal of the chriticism is of a hostil character, i. e. they are opposed to religion and come on purpose to find fault and to make fun. If you could secure Beecher and Talmage for Silver City and Tucson I would advise you to do so.

Beecher, if his late unpleasantness is all true, would be most acceptable to the American men and Mexican women of New Mexico. Talmadge would have tolerable audiences in Tucson for perhaps one year. Joking aside is is better to send good men to these places or none at all. You need a much better man in Silver City. If a man was well supplied with clothing &c., $1000.00 might do for the first year in Tucson, after that $1200.00. I hope to hear from Dr. White as to what they have done. I am some better and a little on the gain.

I have given you my ideas and judgement about matters here, especially as to organization. Shall be glad to receive any advice. Will send you any letters I may receive from Tucson.

Yours in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

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West Las Animas, Colorado.
October 6, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Sir:-

You may be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me, but it seemed necessary that we should have your counsel and assistance at this time.

Mr. Mirrill has returned with his wife and expected to find a home he could rent to live in, but unfortunately there is none to be found that his means will justify his renting, and board is so very high he feels he might makesome change whereby he might live more cheaply. Four good lots can be secured for a Presbyterian church and Parsonage, but it will not be expedient to think of building a Church at present as we can worship in the same one we are now using, but we think it would be well to build a small house so that whatever Presbyterian minister we may have here can have a comfortable shelter, and to to try and raise funds for that purpose now is out of the question, as both Northern and Southern Methodists are out with

subscriptions for building each a church, but if we could receive assistanse from abroad to the amount of $300.00 we could readily make up the balance. I thought perhaps you might be able, whil East, to solicit something for us so that we can make Mr. Merritt comfortable. As it is he feels much discouraged. He seems well suited for this place and we would like him to remain.

Trusting that you will excuse the liberty I have taken, I am,

Very respectfully,
Mrs. Henry Kellogg.

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Silver City, New Mexico.
October 7, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

I enclose notice in Arizona Citizen with accompanying remarks. It may be safely taken as the sentiment of the community, i.e., the editors' article. I think more and more that the only way is to put a man there as soon as possible if you want to occupy and hold Tucson. If I were to go over and try to organize and spend a month and return here and then a Congregationalist minister were to come there the next week, they would take him right along if he happened to suit them. On the other hand if Brother Warren, the Congregationalist Secretary goes there and attempts to organize and goes away promising to send them a minister he will accomplish nothing, and our man if put in first, will have his way clear. So I really think it not worth while to try to organize. Will wait, however, till I am better and until I hear from Dr. White asto what they have done. Will send you all letters received from Arizona. Shall be glad to hear from you.

Your brother,
W. W. Curtis.

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D^{e}l Norte, Colorado.
October 8, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Received the organ all safe and in fine condition last Wednesday. We are all greatly pleased, Session, choir, public. Our joy of possession is general. We send you $100.00 in this. We will send you $115.00 within the six months easily, I think. It cost $10.00 for freight from Denver here.

Sabbath School numbers 113. A lady tries next week to secure 50 younge men for a class for herself.

Yours fraternally,
Alex. M. Darley.

Laramie, Wyoming Territory.
October 11, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Enclosed you will find my response to the request of the Board as sent by circular. I hope it will answer the end designed. If it is too long for a place in the columns of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian I would be glad to have it and I will enlarge if for a sermon on Home Work for my people.

I have been thinking about that g matter and thought I would make the suggestion to let the church go on the condition that the Congregationalists of Cheyenne let go their enterprize there and go in with us. It is hard to make Presbyterians out of thoroughly New England people unless they have been Presbyterians at home. The fate of Brother Thompsons' congregation would have been the same under any other circumstances. It was the people and not the relations he sustained to the Board that gave him the "history he lived."

I hope Mulliken will go to Pueblo if the community is not too dead. He is a live man and has the revival spirit to a goodly measure.

Will the Board insist on the coupling of Rawlins to Laramie as a term of receiving aid? If so I think Dillon, in New York City could be induced to give what Clark desires.

Farewell and may the Lord bless your labours.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. E. Hamilton.

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Amherst, Miss.,
October 13, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother:-

Your favor of September 17th has been received. I am glad you are having a "Home Mission Map" published I trust the map will show Mission stations marked with a different character for each denomination so at "Home Missionary Meetings it will be easy to point out the progress of Evangelization among the Indians, in the mining district, and on the frontier. Also showing the progress the Roman Catholics are making in the West and Northwest, the perilous route taken by Messrs Whitman & Spaulding and the extent of territory saved to the United States by their Missionaries. It seems to me that a descriptive Manual should accompany the Map.

I should hardly know what to do without your Rocky Mountain Presbyterian." The information it gives on Home Missions and the interest it awakens in the home field is invaluable to the evangelization of America. As soon as I go among Presbyterians Ishall take pleasure in getting subscriptions for it.

I would gladly give my time and pay my own expenses, for several months, to the work of visiting Sabbath Schools and Ladies'

Meetings endeavoring to awaken interest in behalf of the ignorant and destitute women and children of our own country, and I the means, but our time is all that I have at my command. My husband's salary is small, our property in the south has yielded next to nothing since the war, and the means required to keep our two sons at school here in Amherst, one in College and the other preparing for College, altogether make it necessary for us to economize closely. So I cannot do for the cause of missions what I long to be able to do.

Please accept my thanks for the "Bulletin of the U. S. Geological Survey" and for information relating to "Photographs of Rocky Mountain Scenery." I shall send to Washington for "Catalogue" from which to make my selection of photographs.

Are the "Missionary Letters for Superintendents of Sabbath Schools noticed in the Rocky Mountain [illegible] thirty cents, published in your monthly Presbyterian? If not please send them to me and I will forward the thirty cents.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. A. H. Hubbard.

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Trinidad,
October 13, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I have just written a letter to the Secretary, reporting a quarter's work, though I have received no commission yet. I wish you would let me know what the feeling of the Board is and whether I am to be sustained. I have no desire to return East, if I can be sustained in Trinidad. I have not allowed myself to "let up" on church work yet. I would feel more settled if I had a commission, such as the field demands. Rev. Wood, Allentown, Pa., is to write you in case he could not supply me with a suit of clothes &c., You also organizing "Home Mission Societies" among the women. Can I assist by writing to any of the societies of mission work?

Wife's health is better here.

Your Brother,
John L. Gage.

P. S. Wife says you have an organ to sell. What price, quality and make? I am on for my own family use. Want one of good quality and size.

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Pueblo, Colorado.
October 13, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

I received yours of the 6th, instant in due time. I would state that Rev. Isaac Moffert is with us, has been with us two Sabbaths already, and will remain with us two Sabbaths more before he leaves, if he leaves at all.

He will remain with us if we can raise sufficient salary. The people generally are highly pleased with him. He is a gentleman and a man of considerable ability. It may be a question about our being able to give him a sufficient encouragement as to salary. But he is the man that we want. Our railroad prospects are again in a rather gloomy state. We shall be able to tell more definitely in about ten days or so. We think Mr. Mullikin had better defer his visit a couple of weeks or so. If Mr. Monfort does not stay, we shall be glad to see Mr. Mullikin.

Can we get $1000.00 from the Board of Home Missions for such a man as Monfort?

The people want a good and an able man or none at all. We trust in the Lord that we may soon have a pastor adapted to the field.

Your Brother in Christ,
Josiah Hughes.

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the field.

We will probably have a church meeting next Friday evening, October22, to determine what course to persue. Will you see the members of the Home Board and ascertain if they will give us $1000.00. If they will give it, (or if you have good reasons well-founded and reliable to think they will give it,) telegraph to me in time for the meeting, in words "Will give $1000.00," if in the affirmative; and if in the negative, "Cannot give $1000.00." The answer must be definite, positive, for if we engage Brother Monfort and the Board should allow us $1.00 less than $1000.00, he will resign and leave; and short pastorates do us more injury than good.

Brother Monfort has several calls to other churches east, and one in Colorado besides ours, which has been intimated to me as being that of Dr. Lord's church in Denver, hence what we do at our meeting must be definite.

Will you Please see each member of the Board and ascertain what they will do and telegraph me the result in time for our meeting next Friday evening, October 22?

Since Brother Hamilton left we have not taken up any collections for the Home Mission and Church Erection Boards, but as soon as we have regular services again we will make up the deficiencies by extra collections.

We have a concert arranged and underway, the proceeds of which are to be sent ($57.38) to the Church Erection Board for a five year's insurance policy of $1500.00, that being the amount advanced to us by them. Please inform them of it.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, I remain,

Your friend and co-worker,
J. C. Latshaw.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
October 15, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter was received some days ago.

Welch was married last night. Church was crouded. Handsome reception by the ladies' of the church in basement. Elegant and valuable presents, about $700.00 dollars worth.

A most joyful occasion, Congregationalists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Mormons and non-descripts all participated in the joy of the occasion. I hoped to raise all necessary funds without going East, but so far have failed. Welch urges me to go East. I reluctantly consent to leave my field at this time , but there will not be a more favorable time. So I go now. My teacher will keep up the Sabbath school. Expect to start on Monday. I have not asked permission of the Board because I hoped that the apparent necessity for my going would disapear. I expect to work most in St. Louis and the churches of Illinois. They need to be aroused, and if the claims of this God-forsaken(not profane in this connection, See 2. Chr., 24: 20v.) country will not touch them it is hard

to tell what will. Illinois is growing rich and its churches ought to carry forward their end of the Whiffle-tree.

If you have any word, suggestion or instruction for me, write care of Irwin, St. Louis till you hear again from me.

Yours in Christ,
D. J. McMillan.

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Allegheny City, Penn.
October 16, 1875.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

Dr. E. E. Swift and I will rejoice to have you preach in our respective churches November 7th. Come directly to my house, #00 Ridge Street, Allegheny City, next Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Come prepared to address students on Monday night.

Yours sincerely,
A. A. Hodge.

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Tucson, Arizona Territory.
October 17, 1875.

Rev. W. W. Curtis.
Dear Sir:-

Your letter of enquiry was received about a week since, and I take pleasure in answering your questions to the best of knowledge. I have delayed writing until now with the hope of finding a number of your church who could give you more accurate information in regard to church and other matters here, but I have not succeeded in finding any member of your church or any other protestant church. I have enquired of some of the oldest American citizens here and of some of the principal business men. I have formed but few acquaintances. As there was no protestant church to attend and as I have been busy, at work every day during the week and remained pretty closely in my room of Sundays I have had but little opportunity of making acquaintances.

I will answer your questions to the best of my knowledge, in the order you have asked them with out repeating them.

1. I am told there is supposed to be five or six hundred American Citizens here, and perhaps four thousand mexicans.

2. I have not succeeded in finding a member of any protestant church, though it is probable there are some.

4. No Protestant church organization.

6. There has been no protestant service here for several months. The last minister who preached here was Rev. Mr. Reader, a methodist missionary from Nebraska. He has returned to that state. I learn that he had but very poor hearing, and accomplished no visible good.

7. I have met with no one who seems to feel any interest in having a minister come here. If I should remain here, I should be happy to have you come, but I do not expect to remain here long.

8. The American population is increasing very slowly.

9. Emigration mostly from California.

10. There has been an agreement among the merchants to close on Sunday, but only a few of them, I think, adhere to it.

11. Services were held in the Court House. There is now a new public school house where services might be held?

12. I do not like Tucson. I think it is not a healthy place. There has been a death here every few days since I came, mostly among the Mexicans. There does not seem to be much sickness among the Americans. I do not know why this is so, unless is is caused by the Mexicans crowding together too many in the same house.

Water only moderately good, warm, except when it is let stand out during the night. There is but very little fruit. I have seen a few apples here once, with that exception I have seen no fruit except what the Mexicans call a fruit with a rind somewhat resembling the orange, filled with jelly-like seed of a very pleasantm sweetish taste. They are brought from Genca. I never saw any before.

13. There is an abundant supply of Saloons and gambling houses but I think not so many in number in proportion to the population as in Silver City, but some of them are on a larger scale.

There is some good society here among the State Officials, government officers and merchants, but I think there are but very few of them religiously inclined.

I think there is certainly a protestant minister needed here, but that he would labor under many discouragements I believe to be equally true.

Very truly your christian Brother,
J. G. Cox.

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Fayetteville, N. Y.
October 19, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Sir:-

Since having acknowledged the receipt of your letter, I have written Mrs. Kendall, hoping their church might think favorably of trying to raise one third of the amount for the church at Boulder, and I also felt that our own church here might feel like trying to raise another third or even lessthan that, but Mrs. Kendall has written me of their condition as a church and of the many objects they are every year working for, and tells that they have all that they can do, and our own people feel very much the same, and of course, everyone is more or less effected by the financial state of the country.

I should be very glad if I could send you the $1500.00 but,

with the many calls I have nearer home I am not able to do it, and I can only say that if you can in any way raise the thousand I will send you $500.00. In any case please do not have my name mentioned in any paper or in any way.

With much respect,
Yours,
Mrs. S. E Beard.

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Irwin Station, Pa.
October 19, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

Have just returned home from Synod, and because the resolutions of the Board of Home Missions were not adopted until late yesterday, I had only time to copy them before returning home. I believe the enclosed paper is what you desired me to send you: And the paper was adopted which I was unable to get a copy of because the vote was not taken upon it until ten o'clock last night, just a few moments before the final adjournment. I am very sorry I could not obtain a copy, for I think the Secretarie's of the Home Board will be more interested in it than in what I now send you. If I can secure a copy before it is put in print, I will forward it to you. It refers to the Home Mission Articles published in the record of August and October. The paper is a strong one and condemns the position taken by the Secretarys in the article referred to, and was passed by a almost unanimous vote.

I hope I may soon see you again, and if I can do anything to help you in your work, I am at your service.

Yours fraternally,
R. M. Brown.

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Trinidad,
October 19, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I have just written Drs. Kendall and Dickson. They granted us $800.00 instead of $1000.00. As I told you when I first came here they got up quite an enthusiasm and really turned every stone. $500.00 is a heavy burden to carry in addition to half rent &c. The Board asked them to raise $700.00. I do not feel that I can be at all permanently located here unless I am well sustained . Perhaps you can find a man who will be satisfied with $1300.00 and live here.

Mrs. Gage and I both feel that if we are properly supported we can settle until something permanent is effected. Will the Board be willing to let Sabbath Schools make up the $200.00? I suppose I can get over $300.00 from Sabbath Schools in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

By the way you told me of how Roll got along here. He

paid no rent and living was much cheaper then than now. Rent is $200.00 and over, flour $12.00 per barrel, Potatoes $2.00 to $3.00 per bushel &c. Rev. Wood of Pennsylvania writes me he can not do anything for us in the line of Misson box, and that he has sent you my list and letter. You can attend to it.

Have you found anyone to provide box for my mother and sister. They will need a large supply if you can find a church to meet their wants. I feel very solicitous to see Mother supplied for this winter. You have occasionally had persons in New York offer to send books. If any one wants to send the Trinidad parson a half-dozen books I can tell him what I need just now. I am not begging this.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Brother John Gage.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
October 19, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I write to thank you for your call for books and papers &c. Several packages of papers have come and have been forwarded to the miners. You will have seen my call in the "Presbyterian" of October 9th. The Presbyterian of Pheladelphia, I mean. It is under "Home Missions," and in the good company of your description of your Mexico trip. I have determined if enough books come, to open a reading room here, and if more than enough for hereand the mines, to open also at Saguache. I will have a room furnished, warmed and lighted, made attractive with papers &c. You know I understand the business, having been librarian of the Y .M. C. A. in St. Louis and in the last 7 years having established two reading rooms, one in Pennsylvania at College and one in Chicago at Seminary. I design these as oppositions to saloons and dance houses. A Gospel flank movement. Harlots and gamblers have been thick here in the last few weeks, ready to prey on the miners. I also hope through this effort to win outsiders to myself, and through their hearing of to their having Christ. Confidentially, my absence from the mines has been complained against, but I hope to show them though I was bodily absent I was present in heart. The wounded hoof of my horse is growing slowly. Our organ gives great satisfaction. It enhances the interest of our service. Our Sabbath School is up to about 130. Miss VanDeveer, whom I took from a class of girls and appointed, after diligent consideration, to the work has secured twenty-five of our gayest young men for a Bible class. Her points were personal beauty, youth, intelligence, tact &c. People say the move was strategic. Will it be asking too much to have you print my "call" in the "Presbyterian," in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian?I am dilligently at work by correspondence, giving effect to the "call." The Evangelist, I see by the letter of a gentleman in Boston, has made a "Paragraph" of my call. I hope others may publish fully. I

ought to have done as you do, written out for each paper the "call." I want to make it a success. I have hope of help from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, Lafayette, Ind., Lawrence and Topeka, Kansas, &c. A word from you to a New York pastor or two would do much for me? I am not particularly anxious for religious books but for those of general and secular interest. At least for a set of books and papers leavened religiously. You will appreciate the situation. I have hope of four lots in Lake City. I sent you a check for $100.00 to New York as you directed. Miss Dale wrote her Mission box was to start last week. I wish I could get a hundred boxes of books &c.

Yours,
Alex. H. Darley.

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Willowbrocke, Auburn, N. Y.
October 19, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Friend and Brother:-

I received your letter including one from the good missionary brother who you thought we might engage for our contemplated Mission work at the Military Posts. As this gentleman understood the language of the Dakotah Indians I felt that he ought to be permitted to carry out the desire of his heart and remain among the Dakotahs, that numerous tribe , numbering from 40 to 60,000, as I understood him to state. I accordingly handed him that good letter addressed to Brother William Brayton and asked him to presentit if opportunity should offer, at the meeting of the Synod at Rome, Onita County. He took the letter and said he would show it also to Mrs. E. M. Hibbons of Ithica, who told me some time ago that she would like to sustain a missionary herself. I hope something will be done for this good brother by the Board of Foreign Missions. We can do nothing further until the meeting of Our Albany Society in November. I shall not be able to leave home before the middle of November and the ladies will not consent to have their meeting until I can be with them. I think I shall be able to go to Albany any time after the middle of November. Will you please let me know at what time after that date it may be convenient for you to be at Albany? I hope that you have ere this received a letter from our Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Townsend of Albany.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Santa Fe, has written to me very fully of his mission and of the progress of the good work of Evangelization in New Mexico. I am sure that God put it into our hearts to labor for the evangelization of that forsaken land. The good [illegible] them by self-ordained missionaries will spring up eventually and bring up fruit an hundred-fold.

Hoping ere long to hear from you and with assurances of highest regard, believe me,

Very truly your friend,
CorneliaW. Martin.

P. S. If you should visit Schnectady will you please(if you should find it convenient to do so) to call on Mrs. Dr. Nott, who is a member of our society, and tell her about the work to be done at our Military Posts, as well as in New Mexico? General Alexander has just arrived with his regiment at Ringgold Barracks, Texas. Mrs. Alexander is with us in very delicate health. It is uncertain when General Alexander can come this way.

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Denver, Colorado.
October, 19, 1904.

Dear Brother:-

Pueblo asks for commission for Rev. I. V. Monfort. Milliken might have Fairplay or Georgetown, perhaps if one the ground, as Balston has disappointed them.

Yours truly,
C. W. Hawley.

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South Platte Valley, Colorado.
October 24, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.
Supt. of Missions for Colorado, Utah, &c.

My dear Sir:-

When my wife was in Greely about the middle of the present month. She was informed by members of our church that the Rev. R. G. Thompson had recently been circulating a petition, soliciting the names of the members, asking your removal, using such influence in obtaining their names as he alone seems capable. I feel sure that a large majority of the members of our church would not lend their names to such an unjust and unchristian scheme, unless prejudiced to your hurt by persistent misrepresentation, which it seems he did not scruple to use.

I address this note simply to inform you, if you have not been informed before, of what I regard as a very foul act of Rev. R. G. Thompson. My reason for writing this is, because of the bitter denunciations of you last session by Rev. R. G. Thompson addressed to our church, when a few Sabbaths afterward, when you were present the same church question bing under consideration, at an informal meeting after the morning service, he seemed to appear so friendly to you, and entered so heartily into your suggestions, which he had so bitterly condemned you for so recently, that I was led to believe he had treachery in his heart to use against you. His vindictive action in our church has very much divided it and almost destroyed its usefulness and unless a change comes to out help soon, I fear many of our members will go to other church societies in the place.

With much respect, I am,
Your obedient servant,
M. V. B. Gifford,
Trustee Presbyterian Church,
Greely, Colorado.

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Laramie City, Wyo.,
October 25, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

We have made out our application to the Board for aid to the amount of six hundred dollars. I have done so with great embarrassment, having just learned that the Board is a hundred thousand dollars behind.

Had I learned this before I made out the returns for the church, I should have felt still more embarrassed. I really do not know which way to turn except to the Board. The wages in the machine shops are here too low and thence is where our support mainly comes. The freights which controll all our prices, are higher at this point than anywhereelse proportionately, on the road and our expenses are greater than they have been either at Pueblo or Black Hawk. We have our first installment of another probably severe winter and we have nothing for fuel but I will trouble you no further with the situation. I will ask you, however, to use your influence for us if need be. Hardman showed me a correspondence between the Congregational and presbyterian churches at Greely. The matter of a union is under consideration and I think if it could be brought about with the understanding that the Congregationalists join with our people in Cheyenne it would be a good thing. Greely will always be more or less of a New England town and Cheyenne has the true western spirit and that's the thing to engraft our presbyterity upon. Besides the Congregationalists have $900.00 for the support of a church, and by the arrangement we could soon have two less churches on the Board in Colorado. One of the
has been called to Pueblo. He will go provided the Board wil give $1000.00, a very modest request for the church tho' I do not blame him for he will need it. Matters are still dull there. With many prayers for the prosperity of our Zion I remain,

Yours in the Gospel,
W. H. Hamilton.

P. S. These three dollars are the response of our School to the Board of Domestic Missions. W. H. H.

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Jacksonville, Ill.
October 27, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

You will probably see from the papers

the doings of our Presbytery. Brother Welch was duly married and installed with most enthusiastic manifestations of approval and affection on the part of the people. Sorry of your absence. Presbytery and people regretted it. I was empowered by the Presbytery to recommend a man for appointment to Utah I mail with this the nomination of Rev. Wm. Johnson of East St. Louis, a man thoroughly alive, deeply consecrated and in my judgment (humble though it be) peculiarly fitted for the field. He is thoroughly biblical, profound for a young man, yet simple in his preaching. He wants to go. Please urge his immediate appointment. The ministers of St. Louis gave me the entire time of last Monday's meeting and, on motion of Dr. Niccolls, gave me a unanimous and strong endorsement. Dr. Niccolls has invited me to present my cause from his pulpit at an early day. He is here to-day to install Morton over Wisminister church. At Dr. N's suggestion I came up with him, hoping to reach the J'vill folks more effectually through him. I am encouraged to hope for $500.00 from St. Louis.

Yours &c.,

D. J. McMillan.

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Del Norte, Colorado.

October 28, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

I send you map and description of the San Juan that you might get a better view of the situation here. Could show it to the Board and could show it to those whom you might find willing to assist me in my effort for books. I send you hand-bill of the first form "Literary Sociables," Program is music, song, a lecture, lunch and a sociable time. We will try to sell $200.00 worth of tickets to begin.

Yours &c.

Alex M. Darley.

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Silver City, N. Mexico.

October 28, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I send you a letter from a man in Tucson, who is lately from Nebraska and stopped here awhile and went on to Tucson. He is a member of the Christian Church and a doctor and a very good man. I asked him several questions which you will see answered and can determine what they were by the answers given. The fact is that there is nothing to organize a church out of in Tucson, and the only way to hold it is to send a man there to stay. No letters in answer to notice in paper and no word from Dr. White. Will send you what I receive. Was over on the Gila last Sunday. Audience of 13. I had fever every other day on the way out and while there. Bettr now. Am gaining some but can't stand much exertion or hot sun. Am filling n arly all of my appoin

ments, however, all here in town.

Regards to all in 23, C Street.

Yours in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

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Pueblo, Colorado.
November 2, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Will you please attend the meeting of the Board next Tuesday and get them to allow us $1000.00 for Rev. Isaac W. Monfort. We must have that amount. If we do not get it our church will again be left vacant. He is well thought of by all our people generally, and can do much good here. I have written a letter to the Board in regard to this matter, and hope your influence will be present to urge its allowance.

Hastily your friend in Christ,
John C. Lathlew.

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Central City, Colorado.
November 3rd, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I heard from you a few days since from a gentleman who had heard you before the synod of Albany.

I have no idea where you are, am not sure you know yourself. As I told you at Presbytery, I fear I cannot stay at Central much longer. They give me neither materal nor moral support. The salary is in arrears during the two years over $800.00 dollars. I know not why, but they have almost deserted the prayer meeting and I am unable after months of effort to get them to come unitedly to the work in Sunday School and regular attendance. Last Sabbath (a beautiful day) there were 36 present in the morning and 20 at night and some of them strangers. They say that there is no objection to me, and protest against my thinking of leaving.

I am totally discouraged. This summer they paid me only $50.00 per month and you know it costs nearly twice that to live. I am in debt and should I resign now, I could not get out of the town without being more deeply in debt. Mr. Van Dusen broke up my arrangements in Black Hawk, and yet during the twelve months (October 1, '74 to October 1'75) he collected only $765.00 for my salary.

Is there any field vacant in the territory? I know of none that I am willing to go to, such as PariPlay or Wosita. I don't want to leave the territory, nor do I want to leave Central. I do not see how we can ask for aid from the Board without enlarging the field to take in Idaho, a church which ins "do less," in some ways. Brother Stewart is supplying Black Hawk every second Sabbath with great acceptance.

I have very little hope that we shall ever be able to raise the enormous church debt, the interest of which is enough to completely make us self-supporting, if the house was ours.

Miles Patten threatens every time he is in town to advertise the house for debt. The church property is really no better off to-day than when those rediculous coupon notes were given. They paid the interest and no more; truly an enormous rent. I will never again accept a call to a church sinking with debt. During the eight months I can understand the temptations that ministers have to go into secular business I have been oppressed so that I could not make my Sabbath preparations except under the weight of it. The Congregational church is working hard against us, in some cases taking off in-coming Presbyterians. Our church is asleep and has lost its first love. VanDusen has discovered a rich Tellurium mine six miles from Sun-shine and will probably move to Boulder soon. If you get and answer this soon you may aid me in determining my actions. If I had my back salary I would go east or to Caliafornia at once.

Yours truly,
W. B. Gage.

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Trinidad, Colorado.
November 3rd 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

You will remember perhaps my receiving a letter while at your meeting that a suit of clothes was forth-coming from an eastern church. The box and suit are received . The suit proved to be a single summer coat! and the outfit for Mrs. Gage is about as complete as mine. The contents of the box are good and well made clothing but just that we have no use for. I presume its value would be about $50.00. But it is not worth to us its freight , (Over $5.00) which was not paid. They seem to think that a minister's wife is a variable quantity. e. g.one size newly made, just fits my wife, another also newly made would fit Brother Henrys wife. And the dress that fits is one that she dont need while the one she can't wear is what she wants now. Willie's are the same way. Some things he could have worn a year ago and some things he can wear a year hence, but scarcely anything in the box that we can make use of now. I am out of pocket the amount of freight charges, $5.00, so far as supplying immediate necessities is concerned and just when I can ill afford it. Have you given my name to any church for a box? Please let me know as I wish to make some changes in the list you have. What have you done in reference to a "box" for Mother? I will need for myself not only a black Sunday suit but an every day suit since that Pensylvania church played off on me. Church matters are encouraging. The Southern Methodists have resumed service, and a Baptist minister is trying to organize. Rickards is doing first rate in the Meth-

odist church North. Brother Henry is quite unsettled I think, trouble non-payment of salary. Times are hard all over the country. My mother has been very low but is better. Wife joins me in kind regards of Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Brother John L. Gage.

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Denver, Colorado.
November 3, 1875.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.
My dear Brother:-

Inclosed I send you some communications which passed between the Congregational and Presbyterian churches at Greely, Colorado. No steps have been taken to bring about any union. At the recent Congregational conference here, Rev. Mr. Packard of Greely was here and preached for me last Sabbath morning. In conversation with him I suggested that the Congregationalists at Greely unite with the Presbyterians and that the Presbyterians at Longmont unite with the Congregationalists. That would return to the winning church its house of worship. In that case I think Packard would take charge of the united church, if desired. But it appears to be be the general impression that "Father " is the chief obstacle in the way ther at Greely. His reply you will notice is very evasive.

At last the "Central Church" (of supreme selfishness) of Denver, have broken ground and are digging a cellar under the church building. One of their trustees (John Knox) says they have now got an "elephant" on their hands. Dr. Lord is held chiefly responsible for this and has been pushing them on with the threat that he would not stay unless they went on and built and yet his own little house is not full, but still has "room enough and to spare." For a man of his years I confess that he is the strongest man I ever saw. No doubt they took encouragement from the last meeting of Presbytery at Golden. Again and again have I heard their deliverance of this subject spoken of as "timid and cowardly," and I am free to confess that it did not elevate the character or authority of Presbyterianism very much in my opinion!

Of my own church affairs I am happy to say that things are moving on favorably. Several new families have come in and several will unite with our church next sabbath. We have just received between 30 and 40 new books for our Sabbath School from the Presbyterian Book House in St. Louis, paid for in part by our school. We are looking for a good work of grace here this winter. I have just sent for a copy of the new hymn and tune book, prepared for the meetings of Moody and Sankey in Brooklyn. It may be just the one for us here. There has been more than usual interest manifested in our prayer meetings of late. Pray for us a great deal dear Brother.

I shall write to Dr. Kendall and Dr. Dickson soon.

My family are all now quite well and wish to be kindly remembered to you and family. I should be happy to hear from you.

As ever,

very truly yours,

T. E. Bliss.

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Hightstown, N. J.
November 4th, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

In reply to your request for a copy of Resolutions relating to the Board of Home Missions, adopted by the Synod of New Jersey at its late meeting, I have to say that no resolutions of that character ver introduced and of course, none were adopted. A paper form one of the Presbyteries relating to an article in the August number of the monthly record went to the Committee on Bills and Overtures and that Committee reported a censure of the article as at variance with the principles upon which the benevolent work of the Church should be conducted. This report of the committee was accepted and placed upon the Docket. Near midnight of the closing Session of the Synod the matter was again called up but was then laid upon the tables.

Yours sincerely,

J B Davis.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
November 4, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your favor came to hand last night. Glad to hear that you are having such a pleasant time in visiting the Synods. I hope the Spirit may use you in stirring up a grand revival on Home Missions. The November number of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian came last mail; it si full of good things. I send you abstract of Presbytery's proceedings.

The work goes on smoothly and encouragingly. If our debt was lifted we would be a happy church. We are organizing a Y. M. X. A. in this city: I am now a householder. Wife and I are living with Professor and Mrs. Crymer, and we have taken charge of the house. Come and see us. We are very grateful for your kind wishes. We join in kind wishes to you and Mrs. Jackson.

Your brother in Christian bonds,

Josiah Welch.

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Longmont, Colorado.
November 6, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Our church at Longmont is under contract for $2550 apart from seats and pulpit and is to be finished by the first of next June. The contractor has commenced and will soon have the foundation in, expecting to push the superstructure on to the enclosing of the building this fall, provided the weather be favorable.

We have complied with your proposition as regards location, the lots costing us $100.00. Your proposed additional subscription. We have fixed the limitation of time for the payment of those lots to February first, supposing that you would then be ready to meet your engagement. We are moving also for a church at Nederland; one man heading the subscription with $100.00 dollars, others followed with fifty. In an hour the other morning, I secured subscriptions to the amount of three hundred and twenty-five dollars. The whole town has entered into the spirit of it and are rejoiced. Will you be able to encourage them and in this good movement? With all their liberality, it will require a vigorous effort. And now it should not be a failure. Glory be to God that he is moving the people in these places in my field. Oh! that he may continue to smile upon us, and work among us by his Holy Spirit prevailed, until the hearts of all be renovated, drawn to him and Satan's kingdom utterly demolished and fallen.

Cannot speak so favorably of Caribou simply on account of the Scotts. I have not a grain of faith in their Christianity. William though an elder, has deceived me and spoken contemptuously of you, abused me most shamefully, lied to me repratedly and willfully. They are stumbling blocks in the way over which sinners are stumbling into hell, and the sooner they are removed out of the way the better for our church in Caribou. The Saviour does not need in his service liars and hypocrites. All such persons should be just where they naturally belong. And then for us to lose out of our salary in one year, of that a hard one, three hundred dollars by their villiany! It is too bad! It is like blood-letting in a missionary's life. It is a large part of his living. And for what and privations it is admitting us. Indeed humiliations. Why did they so deceive me? I regard it equal in criminality to a willful robbery. Aye worse. Had they come to my home I could have acted on the defensive; but it is a species of robbery in which I must suffer and have no chance for defence.

There ought to be at once a man for this field, to spend all his time there, only think of it! Here I am with all this trouble and two church buildings upon me; and at once there ought to be a movement on foot for a church building in Caribou. The Scott Brothers notwithstanding to the contrary, have to leave the work, they ought to be hastened quickley out of the way. And there is Valmont. It is near to Longmont and is just the field for me to work up to a condition of health and spiritual-

ity. Have spent one Sabbath there and am to spend next Sabbath. The great trouble is that there has never been any [illegible] work done at Valmont. This done all is healed. God bless you my [illegible], and control us all for His own glory.

Fraternally &c.,
W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. Would be willing that this should be published just as it is in any of our church journals.

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New York, N. Y.
November 6, 1875.

My Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Through Mrs. Lewis of West Chester I learn that you come in New York. I want very much to make your acquaintance, since we have already had some correspondence, and hope you can find leisure to come in and take dinner with us.

If you have no engagement on next Tuesday can you not come and dine with us at six o'clock? If not Tuesday, Wednesday. Please let me know when I may expect you.

I wish to see you if you find time, before Thursday of the coming week, because I think you will be able to give me some particulars about Rev. Dr. Bliss's family, which would interest the ladies of our society. They will meet on Thursday.

Yours with great respect,
W. Wolf. Lewis.

Address: Mrs. C. F. Lewis,
[illegible], West 16th St.

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Denver, Colorado.
November 6, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Rev. Allen J. Buell of Litchfield, Minn. was named to me one Sabbath recently by a stranger in my congregation, recently from Litchfield as one who was ready to come to Colorado to work in the ministry. Do you know him and is it best to open correspondence with him. I have learned of no changes in our Presbytery since I wrote you last nor heard directly from any of our new Dave Teitsworth, who called on me and who is exceedingly anxious to have somebody sent to the mountain part of his diocese, being ready then to connect Valmont at present unsupplied with Longmont.

In the recent meeting of the Congregationalist Assembly here, there was a little talk about a committee in which Dr. Lord and myself were invited to share, but it didn't amount to much save the interchange of a few words. Haskell was so sweet tempered, and Chatterdant rather soured upon the matter, and we, the comparatively [illegible] members, were a trifle cau-

tions. Scarcely a sign of improvement in my own church yet. The trustees manage badly by incurring a new debt for a new organ which nobody can play well, just when they are too poor to pay their minister. Nothing seems to move smoothly that is undertaken, and much that should be undertaken lies neglected. Dove and Peigant, my new helpers, I am learning to value; some of the older ones have wearied of their helping and have proved us as dead weights.

Will the Lord come and work upon us? I seem unable to accomplish anything. I never before felt so hedged in, never before found my efforts so checkmated at every turn.

The Committee in Interior on Colorado Treasurer does you much injustice. I am sure that Thompson and his supporters in the central church cannot do anything touching your relations to this Synod, that should have the slightest influence with the Board. There surely is great need of a man in your office on this field and we can do vastly better in it than any new man, who would not in years gain your venture ground for work. Thompson's malice and meanness bloomed out in Presbytery as I never saw these traits so blossom out before in any Ecclesiastical body. Don't be disturbed.

Yours fraternally,
C. W. Bender.

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Peoria, Ill.
November 6th, 1875

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter care of Mr. Irwin was forwarded and received. Thanks for your kind offer for aid, and I will accept it this for if you please. Will you see if anything can be done by the "Church Erection Board." The officers of that Board implore the pastors to embrace all plans for special objects from their pulpits and collect alms, and the churches say that the Board should meet the demands of such a field as mine since they contribute to its funds for such purposes.

Money for this reason comes in slow. If my work is so foreign to that Board there is no provision has been made for it unless it come under the work of the Foreign Board.

I confess I have seriously considered the question whether or not it appropriately belongs to that Board. The people are for the most part foreign. Their religion is as foreign to Christianity as paganism, their allegiance is as much alienated from our government as that of the Hindoos and the necessity of providing a place for worship and instruction as great as if I were in India.

If the Board of Church Erection will supply but the amount I raise in Chicago and St. Louis (provided it fall short of the amount required) I will give them a perfect title to the property. I leave for Chicago to-night. D. V.

If you reply this week address care of Sherman House, Chicago. If afterward address as at Carlinville, Ill.

I addressed Mr. Edwards' congregation last night. The result I have no means of knowing until after the meeting of the Session to-night. Their hands, feet and purses are all bound up with red tape. The Session will appropriate something, but I am prohibited from canvassing the congregation.

Yours &c.
D. J. McMillan.

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Evanston, Wyoming.
November 6, 1875.

My Dear Brother Jackson:-

I have only time to write you just a word. God, by the Holy Spirit, is in our midst; no great revival but a still, small voice. Wednesday nine united with our little church. Mr. Elphe came as a little child. It was truly a precious season. The Methodists are hard at work who trying to draw from our congregation. They have a "wordy man, Stows of Pueblo, he gives scientific lectures Sabbath evenings. Pray for us that we may keep humble and be faithful. I am in great haste,

Yours in Christ,
J. L. Arnold.

P. S. Can you do something for our Sabbath School? We have between 60 and 75 scholars and have no books, papers, etc. You know the church building is all run down. It will cost us $400.00 to put it in repair. The ladies are hard at work.

Yours,
J. L. Arnold.

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West Las Animas, Colorado.
November 10, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

A word about Las Animas will not be amiss, even if it should contain a request for help. Help for those who are trying to do something for themselves is more easily obtained. You mention in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian that we need a parsonage. Well, we are going to have one. I am circulating a subscription paper here for it, with tolerable success, and willbegin the work in a few days, hoping that the Lord may put it into the hearts of some friends of missions to speedily supplement what we are able to do so that we may have a shelter without paying $20.00 or $25.00 dollars per month for it. A little more than $300.00 will build us a house with two good rooms with which we will be satisfied until we can add to it. The ladies have organized a mite society and propose holding a fair towards spring for the benefit of the Presbyterian church, which may be used on the parsonage if needed, but we can't wait for the results before making a beginning.

The Methodist church, North, have a church building under way, but the work progresses slowly for want of funds.

Our congregations are improving though we have no indications of special interest. You know the character of our town. Perhaps three fourths of the people never come inside of the church to hear a sermon. How to reach these people has been a question about which I have thought and prayed much.

A week ago last Sabbath I obtained permission and preached in the largest dance hall and gambling saloon in town, to a respectful and attentive congregation of upwards of 100, of these men who never go to church. Wife and two other ladies went with me to sing. The church-going community regarded the procedure of doubtful propriety and expressed surprise that we were not grossly insulted. I believe that this is the only possible way of reaching the people who have given themselves up to wickedness. I expect to continue this kind of work as opportunity affords though it is not countenanced by many who ought to lend their moral support. Brother pray that my labors may not be in vain in attempting in the name of the Lord to win these men to Christ. I have not yet received my commission. We are living on borrowed money at 2 per cent per month in advance. Wife is teaching a class in vocal music to help along a little. This morning I sold my buffalo robe as I anticipate that the appropriation will be [illegible] in coming on account of the heavy debt of the Board. Wife joins me in kind regards to yourself and family. I enclose one of her photographs. Will perhaps, have one of my own the next time I write. Your Brother in Christ,

J. L. Merritt.

P. S. Praying that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you in your good work.

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Del Norte, Colorado.
November 10, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I enclose you a "Money Order," of $30.00 the first payment on the organ from our first lecture &c. We have sold about $75.00 worth of tickets but expenses were high to begin and we had certain purchases to make for the organ and choir, taking the rest. Hope to be able to send you $25.00 or more a month until all paid up. Our first "Literary Sociables," including songs, a lecture, a lunch and a sociable hour was a grand success. Room crowded &c. Everything went off pleasantly. Just sent off $50.00 for Sabbath School Library, money gathered by children.

Yours in Christ,
Alex. N. Darley.

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Pentier, Idaho.
November 12, 1875.

Brother Jackson:-

Your favor of [illegible] last instant is received enclosing a letter to you from Mrs. Beard. The latter is about as satisfactory as the reply of the Irish cook was to the captain about the spoons, "I knew they were for he saw them fall in pocket." After the conversation I had with you in Golden and upon the assurance that they gave me of this $500.00 coming at once, I made an arrangement to get the balance of the money, which was on a loan and had this money come as anticipated, there was time the Church could be under roof. As the time passed on and no word came from you and no money, that arrangement fell through and the money was put in another direction. My friend who sent me the $100.00 made asking about the church to which I could only reply that nothing had been done, and that money too, was gone in another direction, though I have no doubt that [illegible] of it again if the work goes on. How many of the other of the other subscriptions will be withdrawn in consequence of this delay I cannot tell, perhaps none. If this money, this $500.00 is sent on to me at once for me to take and hold for a reasonable time until I can see what can be done, I will take charge of it according to any instructions that may [illegible] do the best I can to accomplish the desired result, [illegible] succeed, but I shall not make another move until [illegible] in my hand.

I shall [illegible] your speedy letter as requested, and hope that we may even see our church here ready for use before long.

Yours truly,
[illegible] B. Lockwood.

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New York.
November 15, 1875.

Br. Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter is received. It will give us the greatest pleasure to have you address our Society. I hope you will be our guest at that time. Please let me know a day or two before you come that we may give notice to the [illegible] as [illegible] out of town. Why did not they decide on the "poem" as well as the "hymn" that was not quite right, there must have been one better than the rest although all might have been poor. A lady in [illegible] asked this question. You have a good reason no doubt. The hymns are only second rate I think.

I think you can do a great deal of good by speaking to our Society, so hoping soon to see you, I am sincerely in the Lord,

Yours,
[illegible] Van Eyck,
President of Society.

Hamilton, Montana.
November 15, 1875.

Mrs. M. T. Throckmorton,
Dear Madam:-

The substantial manifestation of interest in our girls school, "The Gallatin Valley Female Seminary," which you have given, induces us as a duty and privilege to report to you, and others christian patrons of the enterprise as often as we can. This School will doubtless, if the lovers of Christian education will continue to uphold and encourage it, in a reasonable time, walk alone and finally grow up to be an efficient helper in the cause for which it was born.

The actual number of girls to be educated is small at present, because our territory is isolated and all its population has accumulated since 1863, but the families are gradually increasing in numbers and the children of the families are growing up to manhood and womanhood, these cannot all find good district schools and some are desirous to educate their children more thoroughly than the "common school" proposes to do. The school cannot live and grow without aid from abroad. This is its fourth year and it has occupied four different rooms since it began. Now we have purchased what we hope will be home for it. The property purchased is located in the centre of the Valley, on the theroughfare between Helena and Bozeman. The Mail Stage passes it both ways every day, and it is also on the surveyed route of the W.P.R.R. It consists of a farm of 80 acres, having a house susceptible of adaptation to our purposes. The cost of the property was $800.00, which is to be paid for in two years from October of the present year. We are now adding to it at a cost of at least $500.00, and we want contributions to pay this purchasing and building expense. The school is now progressing in our hired house and has twelve pupils, girls from 14 to 17 years of age. In our new house we can take from 10 to 12 boarding pupils. Our place is quite alone. Our number of pupils will be more when we get roadbed, and several of them will come on horseback in good weather. Our school room will be 16 by 23 feet and I hope to use it as a Chapel for preaching service two Sabbaths in each month. Last winter our whole family had to be carried three miles to our preaching service and we then had not as good a room as our new school room will be. We hope some time to see an increase of settlers and perhaps a village where our new location is. It is central in the Valley for either church or school, and we shall have land enough for our purposes. We consider ourselves trustees for Christ in this matter. We are filling the place as his servants and trust he will incline the hearts of our fellow christians to help us and enable them to do so. The purchase is a good one, expenditure economical and looking to permanency. My bretherin Fennel of Helena and Russel of Deer Lodge endorse the effort we are making. They, with myself are the only Presbyterian ministers in Montana. If you can send us any help we will faithfully use it in our Mission and

be thankful. The Piano is doing excellent service. It assisted us in a little praise meeting at home last night. We need some globes and maps and shall now have a place for our school property. The books sent two years since are likewise doing good service.

Yours in christian fellowship,
Rev. L. B. Crittenden.

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Indianapolis, Ind.
November 15, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I am a member of a Bible class of ladies in the Sabbath school of the 1st Presbyterian church of Indianapolis. We have a small amount of money on hand collected for Home Missionary work. It seems to us desirable to give the money direct to some Missionary and his family. Some will give in that way who would not give to a general fund and we believe all will give more liberally. We hoped you being on the field, would give us the name of some one to whom a little help in money or clothing would do good, good to them in receiving and us in giving. Can you answer soon, giving us the information we desire? I would not think of thus troubling you if we did not hope it was the Master's work.

Very truly yours,
Mrs A. E. Woolen.

#100 College Ave.

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Albany, New York.
November 15, 1875.

My dear Doctor:-

I have been very remiss in writing to you, partly because I have been very busy and partly because I have been hoping to have something encouraging to write. Our meeting was held in October and was pretty well attended. It was decided not to send a box this fall but to endeavor to get up some sort of an entertainment for the benefit of the Mission to Laguna. The matter was put into the hands of a committee to see what could be done, but they have not yet made any formal report. From what I hear, I judge that they are rather discouraged, for as I told you before, there are several entertainments now coming off for several City charities and our ladies are discouraged about our making another one. I am afraid we shall not be able to give more than the $500.00 towards the salary. Mr. Hemaul has sent me the plans of his new house and says the cost of it is $750.00. I do not see how we can raise it or any part of it. Can you not raise it in some other quarter? The ladies did not think a lecture would pay at all. The letter from Mrs. Graham was very interesting. I hope you will publish it, it may get us some subscribers. Please let me know what you can do, and I will write

again when anything is decided upon.
With kind regards in which my husband joins, I am,
Yours very truly,
S. R. Townsend.

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Helena, Montana
November 16, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

Your trip to New Mexico and my sore throat (from Bronchitis) has recalled the advice of my old physician, when at home last winter, to remove 10° of 12° south of my present field where he thought my throat might be cured or cease to be an annoyance. Do you think that the climate of New Mexico is favorable to that disease? (Bronchitis) I fear that I cannot continue to preach longer in this climate with out permanent injury to my health. Is there anything for me to do in New Mexico? Either preaching, teaching, or for the time being some employment that would rest the voice and give me a support. Our climate is an excellent one, but too cold. "A dry and moderately warm climate," is advised.

Hard times and no money is the cry everywhere. There were 6 additions to the church at our last communion; five by letter and one on profession of faith.

Rev. Mr. Dickey recently from Silver City, Idaho, is now in charge of the new Episcopal organization in Bozeman, the Presbyterians there are hesitating whether to unite with the Episcopal church or not. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Bozeman is likely to be the metropolis, if reports and prophecies are to be credited.

Do you know of a suitable man for Helena? I do not propose to leave the field at present, but am waiting the advice of physicians concerning my throat.

The first snow storm of the season came on Saturday, snow six inches deep, weather cold about zero. Give my kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and accept best wishes for your own prosperity.

Very truly yours,
W. C. Bagwell.

P. S. Can I get half fare by way of the Kansas Pacific? If so please inform me or secure it. If necessary I shall go home this winter, and though not expecting this necessity, shall get ready to go.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
November 16, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
P.O.Box #3863, New York.
Dear Sir:-

Yours of November sixth reached me in due season. We had just written he Rev. I Robertson of Elbridge, N. Y.,

and are waiting for a reply from him. I had heard of Mr. Mulliken and also that he hesitated to come without a definite invitation, neither did he say that he would come to Georgetown. We have several on our list and hope to get one before long. Indeed we must have one or our congregation will get scattered and lost to us. Should not Dr. Robertson communicate with us in a few days, we will open our correspondence with some other one. Do you know of the Rev. John Laird of Patterson N. J.? He is recommended to us . If you know anything of him or can learn, please write me.

Yours truly,
W. Beggs.

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Pueblo, Colorado.
November 20, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:-

Your communication, informing me of the action of the Board, has been received. We (the church) are sorry the Board has not done more for us.

Acting on your advice, another application has been written and signed, which will be sent to Brother Hawley, Chairman of the Presbyterian Committee, on Monday and will ask of them prompt action and application to the Present Board.

Please write us immediately and let us know how soon, and at what time the Board can and will act on the renewed application. Also what the Board meant by only allowing for six months instead of the year asked for? Do they intend to give same amount for the next six months, or more or less, or anything? We don't quite understand how to apply it in our calculations or the Pastor's salary. Please explain it if you can. Where they give for six months, is it necessary for us to apply again for the following six months of the year.

We want the Board to help us this year it will not be necessary hereafter for so much help, for if we do our part with Brother Monfort this year, we will be stronger than ever.

Will write again in a few days.

Your sincere friend,
J. C. Latshaw.

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Denver Colorado.
December 1st, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Read the within about the need of the Canon Church. Our Home Mission Committee have considered it, and endorse it as a needy, worthy cause. We have tried to raise the money here. We commend it to your attention, in hope that you may find some friend East to come to the rescue.

C. M. Hawley,
Chairman of Home Mission Committee.

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Canon City, Fremont Co., Colo.
November 23, 1895.

Rev. C. W. Hawley.
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

Our minister, Rev. Geo. W. Smith has informed me that he will to-day write you with reference to our church needs, and certain help, whereupon I am moved to say to you this: We have gotten rid of the "Mechanic's lien," which threatened to deprive us of our meeting house, and have [illegible] to pay for all existing indebtedness except [illegible] in round numbers (though I think it is [illegible] will take care of the "more!") which sum we need [illegible] need now. It is due to men who are poorly fixed to wait [illegible] need it. We are suffering as a church, in the community as being a society, able to incur but unable to pay just debts. Let it be said thus, let it even be said that our meeting house should not have been undertaken when it was, still I feel that it will not appear that the builders builded better than they knew, if we only can get into shape to meet our liabilities. A loan at reasonable interest, for not less than a year would, I think, tide us over this shoal. Can you help us, or rather can you, as moderator of the Home Mission Committee find help for us?

For Mrs. Dale and myself I thank you for sending out minister to us. He is fast putting things into working trim, and does good pastoral work in visiting, and withal gives us sermons which thus far are such an improvement upon the preceding one, as sound in doctrine and more within the popular appreciation than those of Mr. VanDerVeer. But one thing is urged against him, to wit: He is too lively, and jokes! We often ones then say, "We'll never convert anybody." [illegible] believe that the minister does the [illegible] neglects no duty and does not [illegible] the work by reason of his [illegible] and Jokes, I feel like saying and do say, if we only all had more of joy, good cheer, and spiritualness with corresponding zeal in our religious lives Church would set up so very large in coming the Millennium as God's Lord. Wife and I and also many others are thankful for his coming, and we feel blessed in his being present. The number of [illegible] has already increased, and we hope for more who come in with us, some of them have been waiting for a long time with letters in their pockets, and some of them will be of value financially. The impression made by the young man is most favorable; and the out-look is favorable.

With best wishes and kindest regards for yourself and family from myself and family, I am,

Yours truly,
Geo P. Dale.

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Denver, Colorado.
November 23, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours of November 15, 1875, arrived yesterday. I have been down here for nearly one and one-half weeks, and I really do not know what the church is going to do. So can write nothing definite. I gave them my resignation when I came down here and they have not yet taken any action on it.

Brother Bliss, who preached for me last Sabbath, says the church do not want to accept it, and are seeing what they can do for back salary and for future support. I told them before I resigned that if they would raise $300.00 of the back salary and guarantee $1200.00 instead of $1400.00 for the ensuing year I would stay.

Several weeks passed by and they did not say what they would do and I could not live on uncertainties, and have the matter run on as before without anything being done so I sent in my resignation. It is mainly on account of salary that I resigned. I told Mr. VanDerVeer I would not remain with the church and preach to empty pews for $5000.00 a year. The church does not give me its moral support and assistance. Brother Leitsworth has given up Caribou and Nederland and taken Valmont. Brother Stewart has given one half of his time to Black Hawk, Georgetown is vacant still, and Greely ought to be if it ever does anything. Dr. Thacker, without knowing that I had resigned suggested as you do, an exchange with Anderson. Perhaps I have been spoiled but really there is not a vacant field in the Territory that I like. I will write you again next week when I know at least what the Central church will pledge itself to do. I am unwilling to stay there any longer as things have been going for the past six months. Should we stay at Central we shall need a box to help us through the year and should we go elsewhere, our salary would likely be less with increased expenses. If the church sending a box wants any list of things needed, Bell and I will make one out.

If Anderson should leave Boulder now, I would consider a call from that church. If I should spend the winter in Central I would not consider myself settled. With much love from Mrs. Gage to you and yours,

Henry B. Gage.

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Longmont, Colorado.
November 20, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours of the 15th instant just received. Very glad to hear from you and have the words of encouragement.

Of course your subscription will be included in the mortgage deed which will be given to our church Erection Board. Am glad you say you will be able to meet the latter subscription February 1st. We have had some little trouble securing a deed for those lots, but all is righted now. The trustees

had to give their note on interest from February 1st at one per cent. My sense of christian honor was very much offended at the conduct of the Scotts, but it is all over past now. It is just simply my loss through their deceit. Have now said all I ever intend to say. Am glad the guilt rests upon their souls, not mine. Believe also that the Lord will make up for all losses sustained in his service. This is my greatest joy. You are right as to a Presbyterial Committee. It ought to be send. Such wickedness should not be winked at by a church Court. Spent last Sabbath at Valmont. Had a large and [illegible] notwithstanding the storm. The house was nearly filled. Friday and Saturday previous I visited all the church members, having a word of prayer in each family. Started nearly all of each day, but the Lord prepared the way and wonderfully aided. In one family after prayer, a young man was all broken down. "Are you a christian, my dear boy," I enquired? "No, he said, "but I ought to be." He wept freely; so did his father and mother who had become remiss.

In these visits I found eight persons who are now ready to unite with the church. There may be many more when the Lord is preparing to be gathered into his fold.

The fact is, my dear brother, the church at Valmont has been very much neglected. Not any pastoral work done in four years. You are the first Presbyterian minister that has been in our family since we came into the country," said one lady. "I do like to see my minister occasionally and have him pray in my family," said a gentleman.

But, my dear, brother what am I to do with all this work upon me! Only think of it? Two church buildings on hand and thirty-four miles between them, and four congregations. Am I equal to such work? Do think that there was more work in Brother Anderson. He could just as well as not supply Valmont if only the work was in him, but the fact is that he neglects the pastoral work in Boulder. Oh! what need of earnest workers.

Mrs. Teitsworth has just organized a Ladies Mission Society at Longmont. Already there are thirteen members. Hope it will grow into a power for God's glory. He can certainly use it to this end. Glad am I to know that you are thinking of us. Have never in my life been so overwhelmed in circumstances, but the Lord seems to smile. Had not a dime for the P.O., but just then a letter came from us. Sent us a Wyoming, Pennsylvania, containing eleven dollars. "There" said I "is an answer to my prayer. Blessed be God." We left a few articles at Clark City, Missouri to be sold and from this source we received five dollars. So we have now sixteen dollars to live on. Quite a little sum.

We are all well. Wife and children unite in love to you.

Fraternally &c.,
W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. Would not the Board now commission a man for Nederland, Caribou, Goldhill and Sunshine? Too much work for us.

Silver City, New Mex co.
November 22, 1875.

My dear Brother Jackson:-

My brother failed to get a pass from Kim because of stricter regulations since January 1st.

I at once wrote to Kim enclosing your letter asking for half fare permit, and asked them to make it good for Las Animas or Denver. He makes it good for Denver only. The fare to Las Animas from Rim city is $35.00 and to Pueblo $49.00, making it $39.00 to Denver, I believe. At half fare rates it will cost $2.00 more to Denver than Las Animas. Perhaps you you could get me special rates on Denver and Rio Grande Road. I have a mind to shoulder the additional cost and come around via Denver and Pueblo. What is your advice on this point? I would like much to see Denver&c., and could meet you at Denver, which would be more convenient to you than at Las Animas or Trinidad. Would like much to see you.

My coming this way has been providential as regards saving fare. Through a friend in the Post Office department I have obtained a pass from Mr. Barlow of Barlow & Sanderson, good from Las Animas or Pueblo to Santa Fe. He gives me also a recommendation to his friend Col. Bennett of Messilla, New Mexico for a pass from Santa Fe to Messilla. He thinks his agent at Santa Fe will give me a pass or I can wait a few days until I hear from Col. Bennett. I have a pass from Messilla to Silver City. So the Board will be saved the entire stage fare if all works well.

I will never have a chance to see Denver so cheaply and easily and the country south. Seems to me I had better come that way.

I am much better and expect to start two weeks from to-day or sooner, and will get through Kans as soon as possible. Please send me a line here and to Lyndon Osage Co., Kansas. If I leave here before I hear from you I will hear at Lyndon. I am anxious to be on the way but must wait a few days yet. I feel much encouraged and have a good appreciation of my new field. Have met several New Mexicans here and gathered some useful information. I wrote to Superintendent of Silver City Sabbath School, paving the way before me a little. I have several letters of introduction from Hon. Mr. Elkins of Santa Fe and others. I have friends in Pueblo I would like to see. Hoping to hear from you and to see you.

Yours fraternally,
W. W. Curtis.

P. S. Mining Life and Rocky Mountain Presbyterian not yet forwarded from Charleston. Hope to receive them.

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Denver, Colorado.
November 22, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Teitsworth has dropped Caribou and Nederland and taken up Valmont, this on his own responsibility. I think

His position worthy of approval. Inez Velsont is of some importance and much nearer his base of operations. Now what can we do for the mountains? Don't hear more of Hedgeman. Nobody yet for Fairplay. Stewart of Evans has been disabled by sickness, but now better. He speaks again for [illegible] for Fort Collins. James Robertson of Elbridge New York, when I named to the Georgetown people, writes them of his decision to go to California and they have now written to Rev. John Laird of Patterson, Pa. H. B. Gage seems to be rather unsettled at Central. Stewart of Golden has just called. Has improved congregations at Golden, large ones at Black Hawk and thinks the plan works well. Rev. Robert McMillan has gone to Evans to reside. 17th Street finances remain low, and things arranging generally. Shall be glad to get off the Board, because of last quarter's allowance ending with September, suppose the treasury is greatly over drawn. I enclose $.50¢ subscription of Rev. S. B. Reed of Evans, Colorado for your paper which please send to him.

We have had some day of chilly weather and some snow but it is now clear and fine.

Yours truly,
C. W. Hawley.

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Georgetown, Colorado.
November 24, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

We expect Rev. Wm. Hutchison of Lockland, Ohio, here to preach for us a couple of months, commencing December 5th. Is it in your power to aid him in procuring for himself cheap railroad fare? If so will you communicate with him at once on the subject? I suppose he will leave Civic, Wednesday night November 29th. I tried to see you on the subject when I came through Denver a few days ago, but could not do so as I reached there late Thursday night and left for this place the following morning at 3 o'clock. We decided to-day to invite Mr. Hutchison here and dispatched him.

Very truly yours,
P. E. Hershner.

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Bingham Canon, Utah.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

I have reached this place at last. It looks rough but am going to try. We have the use of the Methodist building until they send on another man. Alta is snowed up and I do not suppos that I can get up there this winter. I am going to start a Sabbath school the first opportunity. Can you send me on any papers or Lesson leaves to get the school started? We need these things badly. Can you get

some well-to-do church to lend a hand? I am very low in finances. My journey has about ruined me and prices are very high. Can you jog the Home Board a little and get them to send on my salary due 1st of September last. If they had not sent it to Frankville, tell them to send it on to Bingham Canon, Utah.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Fraternally yours,
George R. Birc.

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New York, November 26, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Washington, D. C.

Reverend and dear Sir:-

Your telegram from Carlisle, Pa., is just here. I have mailed to-day letters to Rev. J. E. Rourse, D. D., Pretoria, and to Hon. Joseph Henry, L.L.D., Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. and mentioned the object of your visit. Please say when you will upon them if they have received these letters.

Dr. Montfort was in my office this morning. He asked me to say to you that he would be, D. V. in Connecticut on Tuesday 7th, December and at New Hartford, New York, on next Tuesday or Wednesday the 30th instant or 1st proximo. You can also judge of where and when your business requires you to see him.

I found a package for Mrs. Dickson from the kindness of Mrs. Jackson, which I have no doubt you brought yesterday.

Accept thanks and assure Mrs. Jackson of the grateful remembrance of Mrs. Dickson.

Hoping you had a day of reunion and general thanksgiving yesterday. I preached at 11 A.M. and read, wrote and slept the rest of the day, saying nothing of a dinner and "pumpkin pie," at 1 P. M. and another at 5 P.M., and another at 7:30 P. M. I survive rumors and sermon and am at work this morning.

Most truly and fraternally yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

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New York, N. Y.
November 26, 1875.

Dear Brother Rourse:-

It can hardly be necessary to introduce our well known Synodical Missionary, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. of Denver, Colorado.

He publishes The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, a Home Missionary paper, and he wishes Maps, Books, Plates &c., for his work. Any kindness you can extend to him will be appreciated gratefully at this office.

Yours truly,
H. Kendall.

Baltimore, Maryland.
November 27, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I feel that I must have appeared negligent in not notifying you before this of the decision of the ladies of our society to become responsible this year for the sum of $250.00, towards the salary of the Rev. Mr. Arnold. You may remember that $50.00 was advanced to him in August. Early in November, finding from the letter enclosed by you that he was in immediate need of funds, the treasurer, Mrs P sent to him $100.00. The remainder was to be sent at once if needed. A box of clothing was also provided and I hope has reached its destination safely. I received a letter from Mrs. Arnold a short time ago, in which she speaks of prosperity in his work at Evanston, and that his congregation have come forward nobly to help in the repairs of the church. I was rejoiced, too, to hear that at the last communion there were nine additions to his church. We hope that he will be most useful in his new field of labor.

Mr. Spence unites with me in kind regards and hoping that you may carry into effect your intention of visiting Bozeman this winter, I remain,

Yours very truly,
L. M. Spence.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
November 27, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I have been trying to redeem time to write you for some days past. I am well and our work goes along smoothly. I am getting adjusted to the new order of arrangements, and am persuaded that unlike the wine of the ancient the new is better than the old.

But what I want to write you about is our latest arrival, Rev. G. T. Bird; he and his wife landed here on last Saturday, and went to Bingham on yesterday A. M.

I like his appearance pretty well. I think he has good, sound sense, and he seems to be a pious, devoted Christian. I am afraid his fault is want of energy and executive ability. I am a little fearful that he lacks the nerve necessary to success in a mining camp, and yet I may be mistaken in my estimate. He has a nice wife, a real lady, who will help him greatly in his work, if she has strength. She is somewhat delicate, and he is not overly rugged.

But the worst feature in the case is that he has landed here out of money.

He told me while here that his exchequer was pretty low, but as soon as he landed in Bingham he sat down and wrote me that he is about to the last dollar. He is stopping temporarily with Mr. Ells. But Mr. Ells has neither the accomodation in his little house, nor the ability to keep them.

Bird thinks that he had better furnish a little house, and take care of himself rather than board, but he can't do that short short of $150.00 or $200.00. I could get the money for him by becoming individually responsible, but I don't wish to do that. I find that I have all on my hands that I can carry at present.

Now do you know of some individual society who will lend a helping hand? He is here and we must not let him suffer now. It will do the cause a great injury in Bingham, to say nothing of the mortification and inconvenience to Mr. and Mrs. Bird. Let me hear from you by return mail. If you say you can help out, I will get the necessary funds for him temporarily. I have just written to him to make some temporary arrangement for a couple of weeks, until I see what can be done. I haven't told him that I have written to you. I am going to write Dickson and Kendall and see if there is any hope of a small donation in his travelling expenses. I wrote Bird to settle the question whether he was ready to settle in Bingham before he fires for house-keeping.

I am looking for McMillen. Reports from his school in charge of Miss Snow are good. They think everything of Mr. down in SanPete. My wife joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Your brother,
Jos. Welch.

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Denver, Colorado.
November 27, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I'll pass over Miss Adams and her Elocution to Board of Education. Look out for Pueblo, West Las Animas at Home Mission Rooms. Pueblo says $300.00 won't do and we have re-applied for the $1000.00. See their letter sent to the Board. Have also just forwarded application for WestLas Animas district which I hope will be found substantially in due form. Thanks for your sympathy and prayers for my work here. It goes hard. I enclose letter from Dale at Canon church, which will explain itself. Cant you find some benevolent lady to help them? I fail to find help for them here. You will see by that that Brother Smith is likely to succeed. Mrs. Hawley is trying to stir up some Home Mission zeal through the presbytery among the ladies.

Yours in haste,
C. W. Hawley.

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hoped to obtain and I was much disappointed, still I hope it will serve to keep this good servant of our Lord in mind.

I was so very glad to hear of your visit to Santa Fe, and especially of the visit to my husband's grave. So glad that there are yet there occasionally some who think of that spot. I feel very grateful to Brother Smith for his promise tonyou to see that it is properly cared for. I read your letter from New Mexico, published in the Herald and Presbyter, very egarly I assure you, for I am deeply interested there.

The ladies of our church here have formed a Home Missionary Society this fall, and I am trying to interest my Sabbath School class into forming a Home Missionary Band, hoping it may in time result in good.

For several weeks past I have been quite sick myself, unable to even write a letter until yesterday,-so I was obliged to lay aside all work, but with returning health I pray for greater zeal in the master's service.

With many kind wishes and love for you and yours, I am, Dear Brother Jackson,

Very truly yours,
Emily M. Hughes.

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Laramie City, Wyoming.
November 29, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I am much obliged for your kind remembrance of us in our deep embarrassment. I feel resigned to the action of the Board, believing as I do, that they are guided in the matter by Him who appoints our changes and fixes the bounds of our habitation. For the last three months we have confined ourselves to the bare necessaries of life and for these we have had to run in debt to too great a degree, having received in five months from the church in money, less than $200.00. There has been one more effort with Superintendent Clark for a free pass. Should that succeed I think I can get along for the present, provided some providential interference relieves me of what I am now behind. I hope it will succeed for apart from its bearing upon our living, it is enough to make one's heart bleed to think of these towns between us and Rawlins, never visited by a minister of the gospel, and wholly given up to wickedness and irreligion. I can now have access to them if I can get a pass and be otherwise sustained.We had a fine turn-out last eveinig to our lecture on the history and causes of modern infidelity, and while there appeared to be interest on the part of all there seemed to be seriousness with some. What a glorious thing a revival would be! We have received another member, one of our promising young men, on profession of faith, making six in all, so received.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. E. Hamilton.

Boulder, Colorado.
November 29, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your favor of the 22nd. instant is received. What I meant by my letter of the 12th instant was that as a business man I was unwilling to make arrangements for money and then be obliged to say that the money was not wanted. I am fully aware that our church has no claim upon any donor and that when such an one offers to give to us, it is not for us to dictate terms or the time for such giving. When Mrs. Beard finds that her arrangements are such that she can send us what she has promised, it will be thankfully received. When it does come will you please write me full instructions that the amount is to be included in one pledge with the amount the Church Erection Board is to give us. You can appreciate what we suffer by the delay. If the money had come when we (you and I) expected it, the work would be about completed by this time and at a cost for laying the brick of one or two dollars per thousand less than now. And then, besides, you must know the risk there always is that subscriptions will be withdrawn if not taken up soon, though I hope that ours can yet be realized from.

And now on another matter, the trustees have succeed in raising a better subscription for Brother Anderson than before and they will send on an application for a commission for another year, to date from the 1st of last August, $400.00 from one church alone and $600.00 for preaching at Hunt's Mills a settlement four miles up the Boulder Canon, where there is quite a number of peopel who would be glad to unite with our church if there was preaching in the neighborhood, but as there is a toll-gate between there and here, toll $.50¢ each way, the tax is too heavy for them to come down here to church. I hope you will use your influence with the Board to induce them to grant this as Brother Anderson has fallen so far short in his reciepts that he is heavily in debt, which ought not to be. With no congregational minister here it is all the more important that the Presbyterian church should be ketp up, and with the fresh impetus which Brother Anderson will revive by this arrangement we allthink he will be able to do more toweard building up the church than ever before. At our communion next Sunday we shall have some additions, how many I cannot yet tell. With this aid which we are looking for now to complete our church building we all feel as if the crisis was passed and from henceforth we will be growing steadily stronger.

Yours fratenrally,
R. B. Lockwood.

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Platteville, Colorado.
November 30, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:-

After you left I decided not to talk with

Mr. Sturtevant until I had written and heard from you , and have deferred writing to you until Mr. Follett and family should arrive from Ohio. They have come and a Mr. Leonard, who called to see you and my self, from conversation with Mr Follett, think he would be willing the Presbyterians should have the field, providing they will build a church, as I understood you to say they would, the last interview I had with you. All but together in our place could do but little towards building a church at this time, but as you will notice by the circular sent first mail, that we have reason to think our place will fill up in the next two years. Mr. Baker has from 6000 to 8000 correspondents. Will the Home Mission pay $2000.00(in case it could have the field) towards a church that will cost $3000.00 ot $3500.00, provided the balance can be raised, part in money and part in our property, to be put in at same price we put it to colonists, in cash, which property you could convert into cash in New York, I presume. This is now a desirable field and will become more so, you will notice what is said about the County Seat. The Greely people are ready to help pass it to our place and Evans people acknowledge that they cannot keep it and some have already said that they would like to remove it to Plattsville. I was in Evans yesterday and called on Mr. Stewart, who showed me the inside of their church. We want a better one. Please write.

Yours truly,
B. F. Johnson,

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Lafayetteville, N. Y.
December 1st, 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Sir:-

I sent you enclosed [illegible] for the church at Boulder, [illegible] of [illegible] dollars. My prayers will go [illegible] God's blessing, a little deep [illegible] be, through in Colorado. I have a [illegible] in His kingdom matter which I trust you will [illegible] in regard to this shall not be mentioned in any way in connection with it. [illegible] my name could give you my reasons if it [illegible] necessary. You can say it is from a friend of Home Missions, or something of that kind, but please do not mention my name.

With much respect, yours,
Mrs. S. E. Ward.

Sent Dec. 5th, to Hon. Rudolph B. Lockwood, Boulder, Colo., to be incorporated in mortgage. Send Bond or Church Erection.

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Geneva, New York.
December 4, 1875.

Brother Jackson:-

I would like to have you change the address of my copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to Geneva. I suppose when I informed Dr. Kendall to change my address in the Record he would send my copy accordingly. Will you see about it? Have been visiting my friends in Chemango County, and have now returned and settled down in Geneva for the winter. But I feel uneasy, wishing I could be in Fairplay and here also. No one there yet. Hageman wrote me concerning Fairplay. I gave him two sheets for a letter and photograph of church, but he replied that he was going to Wisconsin. Too hard I think for him. Is there anyone now proposing to go to Colorado? I do so wish they would come to Fairplay immediately. Such favorable prospects for doing good there this winter. They are doing nobly in keeping up the Sabbath School or rather Mrs. DuBois is. The wife of the church has moved to Dudley and she has to superintend and keep everything straight. She says the Sabbath School must go down but she is faithful and persistent. What a field for earnest labor.' How greatly I would prefer to be in the "miserable place" than here even in the beautiful Geneva. Isn't there some work for me to do? Of course I can improve my time and take good care of my wife, read &c., still I want to be more active. I trust in the Lord, however, to direct as may be best.

I am going down to Auburn soon. What would you think of giving the students my views? I feel as if I wanted to, but am only thinking about when to do it, whether now, or somewhere else. Dr. Kendall or yourself may work. What is your advice? Mrs Finks is healing fairly now. Has comfortable quarters and good care.

Answer this as soon as you have an opportunity and oblige.

Yours fraternally,
D. E. Finks.

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Denver, Colorado.
December 4, 1875.

Dear Brother:-

I send you a "whole lot of stuff," freight bills, list of printed matter &c., received. I think the list is correct. If I find anything ommitted I'll write again.

There are two lists, Regulars and Occasional and I think I have everything on them, which comes to your address.

The magazines do not come regularly and except those given on the regular list. Hope you had a pleasant time in Washington. Wish I had known it sooner, so as to inform my friends. I shall be much disappointed and surprised if the old 6th church did not give you a warm reception. When you write or see Mrs. Jackson, besides giving our love to her and children, tell her I wish she was here, for while I have been in

Sabbath School since infancy and hold every office I believe, in it, I must say that this is the coldest, too if such a word could be compared the "deadest" school I ever saw, and I have very hard work to get decent teachers.

We have a new library and our attendance has increased a little. Excuse haste.

Very truly yours,

Box 1655. John M. Reipert.

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4176 Dayton Avenue, St Paul, Minn.

December 5, 1875.

Mrs. Frederick Townsend,
Albany, New York.

Dear Madam:-

Your favor of the 30th ultimo is received. In reply I have to state that as yet I have not received the solicited appointment to the Dakotas, on account of the financial embarrassment of the Board, as I am informed by Secretary Lorrie.

I am at liberty and awaiting the indications of Divine Providence, relative to work for the Master.

Yours very truly,
M. M. Adams.

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Del Norte, Colorado.

December 8, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Had our second literary sociable last night, 200 at it. A big jam, a popular audience, probably delighted. Gross receipts $40.00 on single tickets, and the "Course Tickets" sold at first made up the audience?

Expenses this time $10.70, will be less next time. I send inclosed a Money Order for $25.00 $25.00 was my utmost expectations; but glad to have it clear. Next "Sociable" will lecture on "Japan" on December 21st. I opened the "San Juan Library" to the public last Monday. We have a meeting next week, of the citizens to raise funds to open a "Reading and Library Room." I did not intend to do it so soon, but as public demands it I follow. I design presenting the "Library" there to Del Norte and to take steps for its permanency and increase.

I hope you will be able to secure me several boxes of books. They are in greatest demand now. I am sending papers into the miners as opportunity offers or requests come in. I am badly worn with care and over-work, but will rest soon. Congratulate me on Miriam Muir Dailey's birth, November 26th. Mrs. Dailey was only confined 40 minutes until birth. All well. I came very near being a son-in-law of Mrs. McGrimes.

She is a lovely lady with a wonderful family. I have taken steps to organize a Sabbath School in Lake City. The Methodists of Silverton would have come into our church in a body if we had organized there this summer. So a prominent member tells me.

Love to all.

Yours in Christ, and labors abundant,
Alex. M. Darley.

P. S. Miss Dole sent us a very nice "Missionary Box" in the nick of time, whereat we are glad.

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Denver, Colorado.
December 14, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I ran up to Golden last week to attend Miss Mary Smith's wedding and thence to Central on my principal errand to encourage and help the Conlon among the wolves. Found the "Temple Folk" in rather a bad way but more courageous than could be expected under all the circumstances.

I am sorry Gage resigned just when he did, though he was doubtless very much discouraged. The church is advertised for sale December 27th. The congregation have paid all but $2600.00, and the Board promised $1000.00 as you know. It seems too bad for them to get the debt down to $1600.00 and then lose the property. They have exhausted every resource. I hope Teller will come to the rescue and buy that lot as he agreed to. They offer it to him now for $1000.00. I think he will do something. I had some talk with him on the subject and have some hopes of his either buying the lot or influencing Miles Patch to get off the sale. Still it is not the thing to let the sale come off with no better provision for the day of evil than this. Is there any way by which you can help them out? If they can once get rid of that debt their prospects will be better than those of any church in the territory outside of Denver. They are as self-denying as ever. Mrs. McShave told me she didn't want to wear anything but calico until they were out of their difficulties. She even proposed to the ladies that they sell their jewelry to help meet the demands of the times. Such consecration is rare. I preached to them on Friday eve on Noah's Faith. They have accepted Gage's resignation. He went last a week ago to-day. I don't think he will settle in the territory again soon. I'm afraid he has not been as careful in his preparations for the pulpit this last year as formerly. But then he has had too much domestic care. Boulder church received $500.00 from the Fast on Sabbath last. My own Zion flourishes in everything but finances. Sabbath Services well attended, prayer meetings run for 40 to 50, but they say that this year they can only raise $700.00.

Times are very dull and we have a poor people; but this showing looks badly, viz., first year of my stay there they raised $1000.00 on salary and $1000.00 on church debt. Second year $900.00 on salary and repaired the church. Third year

Year they propose to raise $700.00 on salary with no debt or repairs to look forward to! They have asked the Board for $500.00. I have my doubts about their getting it. I cannot be asked to live on less than $1200, when I can get $2000.00 elsewhere.

Have not received Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for several months. Have you dropped the dead head list? If so please still count me as a subscriber. My love to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones.

Hastily, but very truly your friend,
J. . Lowrie.

P. S. VanDerVeer has "struck it rich" and has now, beyond question, one of the best mines in Shuniah District. Still, of course, he won't realize from it largely at once. Dr. Lord and I exchanged last Sabbath.

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Roxabell, Ohio.
November 14, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

You see from the above that I have come east. The church could not pay my salary, or give any security for over six or seven hundred dollars for the ensuing year. I resigned and they accepted it. There is no field in the territory to go to and I am looking for a church in Ohio. I shall not candidate and if a suitable opening does not occur I shall return to Colorado in the first part of January. The Central church says they will pay me up to December 1st, 1875, but they are very "promising."

Bell is at her father's where she will remain until I return. We have a fine 9 1/2 pound boy between two and three weeks old. I never had so much trouble to know how to get along since I entered the ministry. There is "lots" of money in the country and men seem to be spending about as much for dress and living as ever they did.

I shall be at the above place for a time, and letters will reach me addressed here.

Your Friend,
Henry E. Gage.

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Boulder, Colorado.
December 15, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours of the 6th instant came duly to hand enclosing the check for five hundred dollars, which did the heart of each one of us so much good. There was a meeting of the Trustees called immediately and action taken for at once completing the church building. I read to the Trustees your letter and to the conditions they agreed. When the build-

ing is completed the amount that the Board of Church Erection have appropriated for us ($300.00) will free the property of all incumbrance except the Deed of Trust to be given to that Board.

With many thanks to our kind donor and for your own i interest in our success, I am

Yours fraternally,

R. B. Lockwood.

P. S. I have received since my last to you, another $100.00 from friends at the East for this same object.

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[illegible], Connecticut.
[illegible] 1[illegible], 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

My dear Brother:-

Your kind communication with enclosed reached me [illegible] last, and I need hardly say, filled me with surprise. When I stated its contents to my wife and children, they could hardly credit what I said, for we had given up expecting any favorable report upon the poem. My daughter of fifteen threw herself into my arms and laid her head upon my shoulder and shed tears of joy. And my little boy of twelve though not usually very demonstrative, sprang into a chair and gave expression to his feelings without reserve, and my wife took some little credit as she had encouraged me in my attempt after it had been begun.

I thank you and the Committee for your friendly judgement, and trust that the Poem, if published and scattered abroad will do some good in the cause for which it was written.

I feel reluctant to accept the reward proposed and sent, although it comes, I can assure you, very acceptably to us. Allow me to return to you as a thank offering, the enclosed Postal Money Order for Ten Dollars. Please use it in the distribution of your paper, the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, or in such a way as you may think will best promote the cause of Home Mission.

Many pictures came to my mind in writting the poem, I think it could be illustrated (and its power for good be doubled thereby) such as Gray's Elegy, and Longfellow's "Hanging of the Crane have been. The Missionary standing at his cabin door; his wife [illegible] the evening; his parting with his poor and loving flock; &c. &c., could be delineated by a skillful artist with graphic power. I only wish I had the means to furnish these embellishments, but they would probably be quite expensive and I hope the poem will do much good without them. If it should be published, please send me a few copies and I will order more afterwards.

Before concluding let me say that I should be glad to see the Rocky Mt. Pres. the work of one so identified as you are with the evangelization of the great Interior.

Upon the success of this work, the perpetuity of our national civil and religious privileges depends. If our country is to be to coming generations what it has been to our fathers and sons, it must be through the power of the gospel. I have lived in the valley of the Mississippi, and there noted with the deepest interest, and I may add, with the deepest solicitude, the increase of population and the necessity of laying broad and deep foundations, and that without delay in the religion of Jesus Christ. To this end I gave five years of loving labor and to-day I am cheered in the thought that after awhile God willing, I may resume my residence and work in that vitally important field.

Please remember me to Rev. Dr. Biddle, whom I hold in high esteem and affection, and believe me, in the Gospel,

Fraternally yours,

A. L Gardiner.

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St Louis, Missouri.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I have no time to make out a detailed statement of our accounts, as I must leave the city in a few hours.

I have received from Mr. Sloan..... [illegible]
Deducting Printing Bill..... [illegible]
[illegible]

Stores Commission..... 10[illegible].165
[illegible]

From the Bd. of Pub. [illegible] 168.50
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Due you..... [illegible]

I have paid for electrotypes 10.75 and have sent Montort & Co., :--

Feb.	20.	[illegible]
July	22	60.00
Aug.	25	40.00
Sep.	22	50.00
Nov.	2	70.00
		[illegible]
Electrotypes.....		10.75
		[illegible]

which will leave a balance due you to date of $7.14, This with the November collections I will send next week, if possible. There is due the paper on cash advertisements $105.36
Merchandize..... 359.75
all of which may have to be largely discounted in order to sell "cash in hand."

Excuse haste and I will try to give you a fuller statement at an early day. Yours,

J. W. Allen.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
November 29, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York.

Dear Brother:-

(1st) Inclosed is your account.

(2nd.) We are not willing to continue the contract for another year. The Rockey has cost us during the year 1875, $1253.00. Deduct from this the amount charged you and a deficit is apparent. The reason for this deficit is the large amount of original matter sent for the Rockey. If you could bind yourself to pay extra for excess of original matter over one page we could see our way clear to come out even or with a small profit. Our expectation was that your original matter this year would not exceed one page.

(3) We are unable to find the old "Home Missionary" cuts but will look further and advise you.

(4) We printed of the Rockey one month 7000, one month 6000 and one month 5000.

(5) We have sent you proofs of all cuts received. We have also duplicate proofs.

(6) We send the cuts specified, to Dr. Harper. The Advertisement and marriage notice are in time. A statement is appended.

Very truly,
Newbert & Co.

P. S. I am sorry you are not to visit us. We made ready the prophets chamber and anticipated a pleasant time. Can't you stop over on your way home.

N. & Co.

I see N. & Co., cost you to print of the Rockey at $1200.00, no, entering the deductions for less matter than 7000 printed, you will be able to figure it out.

If we make a contract for 18 , it would be well to make a limit for original matter, say 2000 E.M.S. (one page) and average for additional charge of 45¢ per 1000 over that. During the past year you have averaged over 50,000 E.M.S.

Statement.

Cost of paper by Contract	$1200.00
Balance... Dec. 1, 1875.	727.05
Amt. Sent in Extra	150.00
	$2077.05
Cash received on last year's bill	1929.12
Balance	1225.51
	3147.77
Balance due	$225.51.

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Cincinnatti, Ohio.
December 16, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:-

We have just written to Brother Allen and write to you the same proposition. We will continue to print the Rockey for another year, on the same terms as last year, on condition that if, at the close of 1876 there is a loss to us on the two years, you will make it good. If you will confine you will confine yourself to 20,000 ems, or about a page of original matter, leaving us to take another page from the Evangelist and make up the rest of standing advertisements and practical matter from our paper, we are sure that December 1876, will bring things even. If you and Brother Allen furnish each a page, (Rockey size) we can put most of his matter in your paper and most of your matter in his paper and most of both in our paper. We have not been able to make this interchange well during the past year on account of the quantity of matter sent by both papers. We hope to hear from you soon. All about our office are well except Y. G. M., who suffers from a severe fall. Enclosed is a bill or statement of your account in better shape than that recently sent and containing one or two additional items.

Very Truly,
Montfort & Co.,

P. S. I find the statement delayed. Will send it later. Teh additional items were some expenses and postage.

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San Juan,
December 18, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir and Brother:-

This morning I received your very kind and most encouraging letter, dated from New York. I had just seated myself to write you, a (bled) plain letter, being (just now) in absolute need of some extra funds. Not the I expect you to furnish me private funds without security, do I write, but with the hope that by submitting my case to you some relief may be found for my present burden.

I will state my case. For some time past I have been making my home at the late H. S. Camp here. A week or two ago the buildings (including the house I occupy) were sold at auction, and to save being left without a home I had to borrow $300.00 to secure the house which will serve for our parsonage, it being in an excellent location for a missionary's residence.

This burden comes at a very inconvenient time, I having made arrangements to take a companion in four months from date. The younglady resides in Oregon, is weel suited to aid me in the work of my needy field, she possessing a

through missionary spirit, is accomplished as well as domesticated, and will preside at the organ and at the cooking stove.

Further, I have to lay out a little in repairing my Parsonage, then, of course, something considerable in getting a little furniture, so that altogether I am in a "pretty fix," under the vernacular of this region, or, in "great straits." I could spend a much happier Christmas, were this financial burden somewhat relieved. I still hope for the best.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season, will write you an article shortly.

I am, dear Find Sir,

Ever gratefully yours,

T. I. Wendle.

P. S. Thank you, I've received "blank forms of application" from Dr. Dickson, and have made an application yet for the necessary aid. I would like instructions as suggested.

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New York, N. Y.,

December 24, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:D. D.

My Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian," which you have so kindly sent me, addressed to Morristown, N. J. I find it interesting in many respects and especially for its Missionary intelligence. I am thankful that you are able to combine your activity in promoting the cause of Home Missions, which I know is so very dear to your heart.

I regret to know that the Board is so greatly embarrassed this year by debt. It ought not so to be, but without a new division, perhaps, has the great art of eliciting the benevolence of all its churches, I fear it must long continue. Dr. Dickson preached last Sunday at the Brick Church, and gave us one of the most interesting and powerful sermons in behalf of Home Missions that I have heard for a long time. The Old Brick is still without a pastor, and no prospect of supplying one at present. Dr. Nichols of St. Louis has been mentioned by several friends and for one I should be glad to have him called, if it may be right for him to leave St. Louis. I have requested Mr. Carter to send you a copy of the "Goodfill Memoir," which is a book that I trust will help and encourage you in your self-denying work. Do you approve of it? I will send for 6 or 10 copies or may I send to some of your most deserving Missionaries, if you will give me the name and post office address. With great respect and best wishes for your comfort and welfare and work in many returns of this present festival season, I remain,

Sincerely your friend,

Hamet K. Corning.

P. S. Please hereafter address the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian at Morristown instead of Tarrytown, as that has been only my summer residence.

Bingham Canon, Salt Lake Co. Utah.
December 27, 1875.

To Rocky Mountain Presbyterian.

Dear Sirs:-

Dr. Jackson requested me to write you a word or two about the work in this Mission field. I have been here b ut four weeks, having come west from Iowa. I think this is about as bad a place for the gospel to grow as any I know of. Yet the Lord is able from the very stones to raise up children for himself. The population is a compound of miner and Mormon, Most if not all of the former class have known something of religious training and instruction previous to their miner life. The latter class are converts from both the world and worldly vanity, or from ignorance to the commands and deliverance of Brigham Young, the latter prop at that has blessed the world. Some having apostatized from Christianity to Mormonism, have now apostatized from that to nothing. It is the indifference and the "who will show us any good" spirit of these people which makes the work out here one of labor and time.

Our Sabbath School has been in session for two weeks, and the outlook is encouraging. The rising generation, though sadly lacking in knowledge of both secular matters and the Bible, yet is the most hopeful element of any here. I have lately procured a small organ for the benefit of the school, which may become the means of developing a love of sacred songs. Songs and words anything but sacred, is the prevailing atmosphere here and the young are not slow to learn evil of their elders. Attendance at preaching is fair with good attention. May the Spirit of God make his word powerful to convince and convert. Can you give us a help in the work? I have several adults at Sabbath School and desire a good paper to give them each Sabbath. What is the lowest figure you can let me have ten copies of your weekly paper? You very kindly sent 20 copies of your monthly for the benefit of this Union which I distribute in School one Sabbath in the month.

Yours truly,
George T. Bird.

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Willowbrook, Auburn, N. Y.
December 31, 1875.

Dear Christian friend and Brother:-

I have been looking forward with great interest and pleasure to your promised visit to us in January after receiving your letter of December 27th I went to see Dr. Hawley, who informed me that he had just written to you that there was now a vacation in the Seminary and that all the arrangements for the work of prayer had been made. Dr. Hawley said he would be very much gratified to have a meeting for you at any other time and thought if you

could stop here on your way to Denver when you return there that you could then see the Theological students and meet with the society of Inquiry.

Mrs. Alexander expects to leave here for Texas on the 4th of January and will go via New Orleans.

If you should not be able to visit us when Mrs. Alexander is here, I shall count upon a visit from you at some time before your return to Denver. The Military Post question still exercises my mind. I prepared a circular for Christmas, a copy of which I herewith send. The Chaplain question is still a difficult one to settle. For the present relations of chaplains to the Army ought to be brought before Congress. Major Seward Army Pay-master, now stationed at Saint Paul, told me that there were three Army chaplains now stationed at Saint Paul, that they did not seem to like to go out to the isolated Posts. This shows that a real self-denying missionary is needed.

Dear Brother Jackson, if you should give a part of your time and labor to our society, could you promise to hold a preaching service at any military post that you visit and give us some account of the spiritual condition of the Garrison or of its distribution of the means of grace. What our society needs is a full and earnest story report of those military posts which have been visited by our missionary. We want to say in our next report that our Missionary has visited a certain number of posts, and then give an account of those posts, how far they are from Presbyterian churches and whether a preaching service has been held at any of them. We are responsible to our contributors for the use we make of their annual subscriptions and donations and we mean to show that all has been judiciously appropriated. I would like to have a written statement of what call for a school at Laguna.(New Mexico)

A very good friend of mine, Professor Tulge of Amherst is on the Committee in Congress for Indian affairs. Through his influence Mr. Mr. Adams of St. Paul, Minnesotta might be appointed teacher to the Dakotah Indians. I enclose his reply to the letter of our Secretary. Will you show it to Dr. Lowrie and ask if Professor Seelye of Amherst now member of Congress, cannot do something to get Mr. Adams appointed a Military or teacher to some of the members of the Dakotah tribe. He understands their language. I sent Mr. Adams' first letter to Mrs. Townsend and I regret that I have it not with me.

Hoping to hear from you, and with my heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year, believe me,

Ever truly your friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.
December

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Everything passed off delightfully last week. We were married in presence of a large household, and our friends overpowered us with expressions of congratulations and kind regards. We received 22 pieces of silver and china ware, wax flowers, chairs, carpets &c. &c.

I have moved down now to Professor Cummings' just opposite the Church. We are keeping house together for the present. There are just four of us. I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you some of these times.

We had a very interesting communion service on last Sunday A. M. We received four young men into the church on profession of faith. Doyle's two boys were two of them.

We found in the collection box $100.00, a thank offering from Mrs. Doyle. The installation services were very impressive. The house was well filled and I think the impression left upon the public was good. There is more interest here now in religious matters than I ever saw before. Pray for us for many of us feel that we are on the eve of the Spirit's visitation. The School Prospers.

With kind regards and many wishes for your success in raising money for Home Missions., I am,

Your brother,
Josiah Welch.

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Pueblo, Colorado.
1877.

Membership.

Male.....14.
Female.....11.
Total 25.

Amount subscribed on Pastor's salary by members.

Male...12.....$507.00
Female..3.....31.10
15 $538.00

15 members give $534.00, making an average of $35.60 2/3 for each member giving, or an average of $7.12 2/9 for the entire membership. Nearly all the gentlemen giving represent the heads of families, some of which are members, and what they give is for them also.

Amount subscribed on Pastor's salary by non-professing christians: Male----31. Total amount subscribed $700.00, averaging $22.58 2/31.

Members----------$534.00
Non-members------ 700.00
Total 1034.00

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ovin. to removals and other changes, etc., $200.00 of the amount subscribed will not be paid.

Total Amount subscribed.....	$1014.00
Deducting loss.....	200.00
Balance left	814.

Salary guaranteed		$1500.00
Subscriptions.....	$814.00	
Home Board granted....	250.00	1064.00
Leaving a deficiency of		436.00

The membership of the church are giving to the utmost, being only in ordinary circumstances. Some of the well-to-do are men of means and give liberally, giving in sums of from $5.00 to $50.00 each. It is impossible to raise much more than at present subscribed. Persons who contribute to churches, whose names are not on our list, are giving to other societies.

This statement was presented to the Colorado Presbytery in full session, by the Treasurer of the the church of Pueblo.

It is thought to be the best exhibit of large giving for a poor church in all this region. There is one property holder in the church and his entire estate is the house he lives in, worth probably $12,000.00, not more.

The moral we are interested.

S. M. K.

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Denver, Colorado T., January 30, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

My Dear Sir and Brother:

I am not quite sure that I have written you since your last, but it is quite time, at any rate, that you hear again from this region.

I am very happy to report favorably of our affairs. Of late things have been improving with us. Our Sabbath School is growing, and our audiences are gaining every Sabbath. Our singing is now second to none in the city!!! Next Sabbath is our Communion season. Several are expected to unite on that occasion. And of our Sabbath School Christmas and New Year festival - they do say that we beat them all! No boasting. Our Church was full. Music fine - and every tree looked beautifully. U. S. Judge Brazee was represented by his wife and son (who is a member of the School). Also Judge Kingsley and wife with many other friends were present.

I am more than ever satisfied of the wisdom of having three Presbyterian Churches in this city. If the half is true that I hear this will appear very very clear to all candid judges soon.

And now, let me tell you a few things that I want for you only to know them. I have no disposition to interfere in the affairs of our churches unduly - but I cannot but feel that a selfish disregard of the interests of others is a very poor way to increase our influence and usefulness. The Central Presbyterian Church lays its "Corner-stone" tomorrow at 2 o'clock. And yet only today I was told by one of the people that they were in trouble. The money subscribed in anger at us - who kindly remonstrated - is coming in very slowly and some of them who have been dragged into that scheme against their better judgment are getting restless and dissatisfied already. Dr. Lore crowded them into this move - under the threat that he would leave unless they went on to build. Now I hear from several sources that

his people are becoming dissatisfied with him and that he is going to leave probably before long. His audiences have "thinned" out amazingly. His old church will not seat comfortably over 200 - in the pews and is not full at that!!! and yet my church which will seat 350 - in its full seating capacity - Mr. Chain told the Presbytery - was not large enough!!! This was when I offered to exchange with them for the sake of peace. When they first began to dig their cellar - I thought at the time that Dr. Lord was only urging them on to dig his own ecclesiastical grave, and it now looks very much like it - but time will tell.

And now about the 16th Street Church. It is a fact which is becoming more and more apparent that our friend Hardey has not succeeded in healing the breach which appeared at the time of his "call". His audiences do not increase. I am told that my audiences are often larger than his - especially in the evening. One of his members told me today, and one who is friendly to him, that he would not stay longer certainly than the close of his year. Yesterday he dressed them sharply for their irregularity of attendance. Recently some things have transpired which have alienated some of his best members. Madame H. - they say - presumes to manahe not only him but everything and everybody. I do not forget that she volunteered to tell me last summer that I might be assured that the Presbytery will not approve of more than two churches in Denver." I thought at the time that the remark might not be altogether a case of "disinterested benevolence"! Several things have since transpired to confirm this impression. Brother H. made a mistake before and at the time of the meeting of Presbytery relative to that Central Church matter which he can never mend and which will never heal. His people see more and more clearly that he betrayed all their interests - to say nothing of mine. He most unwisely and needlessly played into the hands of the Central Church in all that matter and the consequences are now becoming more and more apparent. Brothers H. and Sturtevant recently got the Pastor's Association to go for a "Church Calendar" in the papers here be- [illegible] pulpit themes, the people ran away from [illegible] quite evident to me and some others [illegible] very sorry that Brother H. has pursued the course he has. He has gained nothing by it, but lost every time. I have only the kindest feelings towards him and try to be very careful and not meddle in affairs which do not belong to me. I think he is influenced too much by unfortunate causes at home! But we shall see.

Yesterday we took up a collection of Ten Dollars for Home Missions. I wish it could have been more, but the times are hard and there is little money stirring. The Week of Prayer is upon us and I hope to report good results

before long. Our Prayer Meetings have been better attended of late than ever before.

Brother Boynton (the partner of Brother Richardson) called on us last week on his return from California. He was much pleased with the appearance of things here. I spoke of your kindness to me and I am sure he will give you a cordial welcome if you will call and see him at 204 Water Street. Brother Richardson is expected home soon.

And now - Good bye - I hope to hear from you again soon. My family are about as usual. With kind regards to your family, I remain - Very Truly,

Your Brother in Christ,

T. E. Bliss.

West Chester, Pa., January 5, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find a draft for thirty dollars for you to spend in any way that you think will do most good to home missions. You can give it to some needy missionary or put it in the general fund. I sent you forty just before you left Denver and I hope to make up the sum to one hundred if I can before the winter is over.

We have been taking up a sum for a needy missionary, together with a box of clothing. Our people have been so pressed to pay for repairs of the church that their giving is very small. They got up a supper to make up the sum for foreign missions. It was hard to get any money to put in the box sent to our home missionary, so I put in the amount which would have made the hundred The church is still several thousand in debt, and there is almost no hope for mission work until that is paid. The pressure of the times has made my son's business very poor, and he necessarily to have my help. Altogether I am cut down in my money matters very much, but will do all I can

I hope you will get to see Mrs Charlton Lewis She seems to have failed to bring about a meeting thus far.

You will please acknowledge the draft.

Your friend,

P. A. Lewis.

Denver, January 7th, 1876.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Allow me to take a few minutes of your precious time for a little advice from you.

Perhaps you have noticed that the ladies of the Foreign Board have issued a centennial circular which they propose to place in the hands of every woman in the Presbyterian Church. We have received them from Chicago for use here, and the ladies of our Foreign Missionary Society wish to call a meeting soon and present the circular and also do what they can to arouse fresh interest in the cause. But they agree with me that it is not right to urge the women of our churches here to give their centennial offering to Foreign Missions instead of Home Missions, and therefore we mean to make the meeting embrace both causes. I shall do what I can to bring a centennial offering from the women of our church into the Home Mission treasury, and I want to inquire of you whether our Board have prepared any circulars for general distribution. If so, could I have some for use at that time? I will be very glad to pay for them myself, for the sake of having them, if they are to be had. Mr. Hawley has just received one which I think would answer the purpose, though it is not intended especially for women. It is the one printed on tinted paper. I do not suppose we can raise much money, but I want to do what I can to give an impulse in the right direction.

Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Hobart want to have this general meeting next week, but I shall have it deferred until week after next in order that I may hear from you concerning the circulars.

I am much obliged for those circulars containing the copy of the Constitution, and I have already used them. I have written to nearly every church in the Presbytery, and hoped ere now to have reached them all, but the task required more time than I thought. I heard from Trinidad and Longmont sometime ago, that they had entered into the plan and have formed Home Mission Societies, and I hope soon to hear from other churches.

I miss Mrs. Jackson greatly. If she were here to help, I am sure much more might be accomplished, but I feel sure she is doing good work wherever she is. I hope she received the letter I sent her so long ago, though, as I have not heard from her, I thought perhaps she had not.

We are having union meetings this week of prayer, with more encouraging appearances than I have ever seen in Denver before. The union meeting is in the afternoon and separate meetings at the churches in the evening. That was Mr. Hawley's plan and it seems to work well. We have some hope of special interest in our church.

With kind regards to all your family,

Yours cordially,

Martha J. Hawley.

Willowbrook, January 10th, 1876.

General MacDougal,
Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to introduce to you my friend Rev. Sheldon Jackson who at the request of the Ladies' Society at Albany, has visited a number of the Missionary Posts in New Mexico and Colorado, and with acceptance to the officers of those Garrisons. My son-in-law, Gen. Alexander, was in command of Fort Garland when Dr. Jackson visited that Post three years ago, and he, as well as the other officers, was very much interested in him and in his visit. Dr. Jackson is now contemplating a tour through Arizona and we have requested him to hold services at the Military Posts in that lonely land whenever it may be possible for him to do so. I was disappointed in not being able to see you during your recent visit at Auburn, and I have requested Dr. Jackson to lay before you the subject of the present arrangement with regard to Chaplains in the Army. It is Gen. Upton's opinion that the service would be greatly benefitted by the appointment of Chaplains for only four years - if found efficient they could be re-commissioned at the expiration of that term.

Could you be pleased to bring this matter before your Committee and if their approval be given, could you prepare a petition to lay before Congress? and if signatures should be required, will you please send the petition to be signed to

General Frederick Townsend,
Albany, N. Y.

No. 3 Elk Street.

Will you please introduce Mr. Jackson to Mr. Julius Tuly - Member of Congress from Massachusetts, and oblige,

Your very sincere friend,
Cornelia Martin.

Schenectady, January 17th, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I was sorry to have lost the chance of seeing you on Saturday thro' my own fault. If you can spare the time will you do me the favor to consider and reply to the following inquiries:

1st. A young lady of this place thinks of offering herself to become a Bible Reader. How could she be located to advantage and with propriety as a single woman? Would it be discreet and safe for her to go to Utah? On what terms could she go?

2nd. There is here a young man about seventeen, son of a deceased clergyman. He has nothing to do here and has been

only partially at school, not fond of study, but would make a good clerk or agent of a man of business. He fancies going West to work his way. He is not a Christian, but has no bad habits, I think. Is it wise for him to go.

Please make any suggestions upon these two cases to aid me in advising them, and forgive me the trouble.

Truly yours,

J. T. Backus.

Union Mission School Association
$500.

Albany, January 17th, 1876,
No. 3 Elk Street.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
New York.

My dear Doctor:

Since you were here two weeks ago, I have talked with the Officers and prominent members of our Society in regard to establishing a Mission at Loango, the place you spoke of to me as being so much in want of a religious teacher. Our ladies, as far as I have talked with them, are unanimously and strongly in favor of attempting this work, and of devoting all our efforts to it. Our Treasurer, Mrs. Kelley, says that we can promise a salary of five hundred dollars a year to a Missionary, as our Annual Receipts amount to that; but that, in order to do this, we cannot contribute to any other objects; and we should be obliged, if we commenced this Mission, to give up the Military tour which you were to make as our agent, as we should need the two hundred dollars which we had promised to you, to make up the salary of the Missionary. We all feel anxious to commence this work as soon as possible, as it is so dreadful to think of these poor people begging for the Word of Life, and no man supplying their need. I am requested, therefore, by our ladies, to write and ask you if you will select a proper person to act as Teacher, and get him appointed by the Government, and we will agree to pay a salary of five hundred dollars to his wife as our Missionary, if that sum would ensure the establishment of the Mission.

If we do this, would you be willing to consider our engagement to pay you the two hundred dollars as cancelled, as we feel our funds do not warrant our undertaking both?

Please write me as soon as you get this what you will do in the matter and how soon you think a Mission can be started in Loango.

I hope you had a pleasant time in Willowbrook, as

I am sure you did.

With kind regards to your wife and yourself, in which my husband joins, I am,

Yours very truly,

Sarah R. Townsend.

Auburn, January 18th, 1876.

Mr. Jackson -

Dear Sir:

Your letter gave me a great surprise. I might as well say that I don't know what to say. I hope I am gradually coming to that mind, in which I shall want to do the work that most needs to be done. You say that work is in New Mexico and I think Dr. Ellinwood would say it was in old Mexico. Who shall decide? I presume from your letter that you are in haste for a decision. My attention was first directed to Old Mexico and I confess my heart is there. And it seems as if Providence had pointed me to that field. I think you can get some one else to go to New Mexico. I am not so sure about Old. I think there is a man in our class who might be persuaded to go. His name is Anderson. He does not happen to be here today; but if you like I will ask him when he comes back and I think you may expect to hear from him or some one else in a few days.

I don't seem to think anything of not answering yes to your question. If I could see it to be my duty I would not say no.

Yours respectfully

Chas. F. Goss.

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5 Beekman Street, New York, January 21st, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

My dear Sir:

Your series of letters from New Mexico to this paper, I notice are copied very extensively by our exchanges, at home and abroad.

I have seen extracts, indeed whole letters, in several Canadian papers and in one or two London (Eng.) papers.

The information was really quite fresh, and important, and seems to have attracted unusual attention.

Please let us hear from you again when you travel.

Very truly,

John H. Dey,

Managing Editor, New York Evangelist.

San Juan Library Association,
Del Norte, Col., January 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

It is barely six weeks now till my ecclesiastical year here expires. My Commission is out on March 7, '76. Presbytery does not meet for two months and two days afterward: - May 9th, '76.

I write to ask advice. What do you advise me to do? You know I am here under direct commission and authority of Presbytery - not be "call" or invitation of church. Shall I still act as a "Presbyterial Missionary for the Harpean Mines &c", or shall I seek a "call" from this church and the Pastorate, or an invitation as their "Supply"? Shall I get either of the two latter by action of the eldership alone, or of the whole church? I know, of course, a regular "Call" would have to be by general church action; but how about the question of a "Supply for another year". I have heretofore "supplied" churches at invitation of the "Session" alone. You know I have never been a "Pastor", but an "Evangelist". Shall I do one of these last two, before Presbytery meets and send it to "Committee on Home Missions of Presbytery of Colorado", or do it and carry it with me to Presbytery, or go there and ask for re-commission as "Presbytery Missionary &c."

So far as I know, the church here will want me to continue on, and during next year might raise me $1,000. Del Norte will "boom" this year.

My "Protracted Meeting" of three weeks bore no great apparent fruit. Dancing is becoming an evil in the church. The Session were strongly in favor of refusing it; but since in the Week of Prayer - Elder Rogers' wife and several others of our ladies danced, and we had some trouble over one of our most influential ladies' prevaricating and lying in regard it it - with some indefinite hint of rebellion against such decree, I am afraid they are "weakening". I propose to test the Session on it soon.

Has Presbytery made any deliverance on the matter of dancing?

Please write me fully on all points, especially on my of continuance here. I want to do the best thing for our cause here and in Colorado. I have been very busy here - and accomplished much - with as little irritation as possible, and have suffered somewhat as usual, which seems my decreed lot. Things are wonderfully changed since I came. Taking it all in all, I was never more pleasantly situated. Finances bad as usual. I run "short" over $20. a month. You know I esteem your judgment. I have thought that possibly a letter from you - of advice to our Session would be of value. You know best. I am still $250. in debt.

Yours ever in Christ

Where does Presbytery meet? Alex. K. Darley.

Denver, Colorado, January 28, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note mentioning New Mexico was received. I should have to see my little wife and know more about the personal risks of the field &c. &c. You mention no special place, and I suppose down there one field is about as good as another.

A Mr. Kirkland of Fairplay seemed quite anxious that I should try that place. But the membership is so small that I could not think of going unless the Board would send me. Dr. Lord is sick and I have spent two Sabbaths with his flock, but it does not pay expenses and unless something turns up soon, I shall have to return to the States.

I really do not think I would be or could be contented in New Mexico. Do you propose that I go out under the Home Mission or the Foreign Board?

Mrs. Gout says, "I want one daughter in the Territory."

I will write you again.

Yours as always,

Henry B. Gage.

Princeton, N. J., January 27, 1876.

Dear Brother:

We thought a good route of inspection in Idaho would be Soda Spring then to Fort Hall, Ruby City (?) Boise City, Florence and Pierce City. If I learn of any other towns I will send you their names. I will see the Secretaries next week. I have just received a fine invitation back to California. Will not reply until I know something more definite about Nevada. A young man in Junior Class, formerly of Central, Colorado, wants very much to spend next summer in Colorado if he can pay his expenses. He is a good man and would succeed as supply in any of those churches about Central, or in Southern Colorado. What shall I say to him?

Yours in Christ,

J. P. Egbert.

No. 23 Centre Street, New York,
29th January, 1876.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,
Washington, D. C.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

The Centennial Map is thought to be too large for our use. If you can send us three full sets of squares of it, we will get them done up here.

What can the map, such as hangs in the hall here, be got for mounted or unmounted? We think they would be con-

venient and answer a wider purpose. Please give the cost for 10 - 50 or 100, and if larger numbers can be procured, if needed. But few halls or rooms can accommodate a map 17 feet by 12. Any room almost can take conveniently a map like this. In order to be colored here, they must be printed on a white ground.

I need write no more, as you perfectly know the whole map business.

Mr Dickson is in Norwich. Fanny gave us a little one on last Wednesday.

Hoping to hear from you frequently, I am,

Most truly and fraternally, yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

January 29th, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 20th instant containing the $100. promised and proposing to assist in the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Erie, is just received. Much obliged for your help and interest in all.

Wrote Brother Hawley a few days ago, asking him to assist in the organization, not knowing of your proposed return. If you can just as well, please arrange for the organization for one month from last Sabbath - February 20th - when there will be no conflicting with our arrangements. We ought to begin meetings as early as the Thursday evening previous. Please apprise me at once as to whether you can meet these arrangements, so that can go forward accordingly.

Had to give up the meetings at Valmont in the midst of prevailing interest, on account of over work and consequent sickness. My earnest prayer is that the Holy Spirit is still moving upon the hearts of all. One consolation is that He can do the work we cannot do. We can, therefore, rest and know assuredly that He is active. "He that hath begun a good work in you will carry it on until the day of Jesus Christ."

Will have your paper endorsed as soon as Buckingham, who is absent, returns.

Faithfully and fraternally

W. P. Teitsworth.

Family are in usual health, writing in love to you and yours.

Crittenden's School, Montana.

Jan. 31st, 1876.

59 North Union St., Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Chelcon Jackson, D. D.,

Dear Sir:

If you can find time, will you write to me stating

your views about Miss Critterden's school as a means of good in the Territory?

The ladies of St. Peter's Society have hitherto sustained their part in helping on the institution, but there are several who seem to have doubts whether a school where music, embroidery and so on are taught comes under the head of a mission enterprise. I do not sympathize in these doubts myself, but I understand the feeling that prompts them. I suppose you are quite familiar with every objection that can be urged against educational missions and know better how to answer them than I do.

I am myself greatly interested in the school and am anxious that it should be sustained. I am writing entirely in a private capacity and on my own account and I am anxious to do what I can in creating an interest in the school - and a letter from you would very much assist me.

I am a very busy person and in addition to what other women have to do have a printing press just now as it were close at my heels - so that I cannot call upon people and lay the matter of the school before them as I should like. A letter from you I could circulate among our Sunday School teachers and I think it would have great influence, as I am sure all of us remember your visit to St. Peter's with great pleasure.

I write not for the society, but for my own information, and I am quite sure from what I saw of Mr. Jackson that he will not put me off with general reflections on the advantages of Christianity.

Not long since I wrote a letter for another mission enterprise (foreign) to a certain station, asking one single question which could have been answered in three words, and in due time came a long letter full of the most beautiful sentiments, but containing not one single reference to mine, so that our little branch is quite at a loss how to act.

Our Church is without a Pastor at present, but for that reason I am all the more anxious to keep up the mission spirit.

Yours respectfully,

Clara E. Guernsey.

[illegible] Colorado, January 31, '76.

[illegible] that we may soon see you. [illegible] your home while in town. You will [illegible] expect you.

[illegible] ious matters requiring your attention [illegible] for Fairplay, and another for the Mountain [illegible], if you can.

Teitsworth thinks there is material for the organization of a church at Erie. Will you be here to look after that in March early?

Canon is yet much worried by her church debt and looks anxiously toward you to secure something for them before your return. You know probably about things at Central and Colorado Springs.

I have become much interested in the wants of the Mining section on the Animas in conversing with a man who has been there three years. He says that last summer there were something like 1,500 men in there and the prospects are that another season will bring a greater influx.

Silverton should be occupied at once on the opening of Spring. Farley is too far away to do anything there.

I ordained two new elders yesterday. Reigart and Hurd. Blackburn drops out, declining a re-election which he was pretty sure to lose. The new Board of Trustees show some vigor and determination, having done more in ten days than the last board in the whole year. Last years' expenses were allowed to nearly eat up that precious Bank deposit - $500. went for an unnecessary new organ, of which about $300 was subscribed by individuals. About $1,400 has been pledged for the year, some $500. more than last year. Nothing is said about falling back on the Home Mission Board again. A few do not give as much as usual, because not suited with the minister.

There has been a little quickening among Christians here- no general revival - conversions in Baptist, Southern Methodist Churches. Dr. Lord has been dangerously sick with Typhoid Pneumonia, but is now improving - has become quite hard of hearing, and at present has no loud voice. It will, at best, be six months probably before he will preach. Gage occupies his pulpit Sabbath mornings. I hear that Georgetown has a man.

Hoping soon to see you, I am,

Yours fraternally,

C. W. Hawley.

My way appears rather hedged up yet. It may be best for me to yield the field in the spring or early summer. C.W.H.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Can you not secure for me two hundred dollars toward a Parsonage at Fairplay? I do not see how I shall be able to live at Fairplay on a salary of twelve hundred dollars unless this be done. You know your judgment was fourteen hundred dollars would be needed.

Have just returned from a second trip, spending again two Sabbaths, ordaining McLaughlin as an elder, and holding a communion service. We had a good season; two

additions to the church. These two trips have cost me about sixty dollars.

Found the church in bad shape. There was not a Sessional Record until at this communion. We have now things in shape for work.

If you can pledge two hundred dollars, we will soon have things in better shape for future work. We cannot rent a house there for less than two hundred dollars. Board ing is ten dollars per week and hay is forty dollars per ton, and all else accordingly.

We start East next week. Please address me at once at Elysburg, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally &c.,

W. P. Tettsworth.

Trinidad Colorado, 12 January, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have not heard from Canonovia whether they can supply me with a box or not. I think I wrote you that I needed an every day suit of clothes in addition to what I had already sent for. Do not know that any church can supply my wants, numerous as they are. My hat went off in a gale, a felt hat, almost new No. 7-1/8 and needs replacing. Also Willie's feet have grown so that he wears No. 6-1/2 shoes instead of the number we sent. I wish I knew what to expect.

Have you seen the Canonovia church?

The week of Prayer was better observed here this year than ever before. Meetings continue this week with interest. Mrs. G's. health is about the same as when I wrote last, is good with exception of a cold.

Is Mr. Torrey still pastor at Canonovia?

Meetings at Denver are full of earnestness and faith. My mother in Ohio has been very low, but is up again. Willie - our boy - is fat and growing. I never saw such healthy children as in Colorado.

I presume your address is still 23 Center Street, New York. I want to see you. You can show this to the ladies who supply us.

Brother John L. Lage.

Regards to Mrs. J. and Daisy and Bessie.

Auburn Theological Seminary,
Auburn, N. Y., January 24, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

My dear Brother:

In behalf of the Faculty and students of this

Seminary, I thank you for the Map of the United States and Territories, which you have so kindly sent us with your compliments. It is a most timely addition to our means for becoming acquainted with the vast mission fields of our own country, showing that indeed "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" for the Lord. You could hardly have sent us a more welcome or more useful memento.

You will be glad to know that I have already obtained, for the Seminary Library, Bancroft's Native Races of the Pacific States.

With very kind regards from us all to Mrs. Jackson, as well as to you, I am,

Yours truly and fraternally,
E. A. Huntington.

P.S. Whenever it may be convenient for you to visit us again, you will always be most cordially received. E.A.H.

Relationship of two Denver Presbyterian Churches.

1st. All parties acknowledge the existence of a Presbyterian Church in Denver since 1861.
2nd. Up to 1869, or for 7 years, every official and ecclesiastical reference to the church is in connection with the O. S. Assembly.
3rd. Both parties draw their proofs during these years from O. S. sources.
4th. For these 6 or 7 years the Church received their ministers from the O. S. Church.
5th. For these same years they regularly received Mission funds from the O. S. Church.
6th. In 1868 appear two First Presbyterian Churches of Denver.
7th. Does the O. S. General Assembly continue to recognize a church in Denver as belonging to them.
The same Board that has been making appropriations continues to do so.
8th. In 1869 we find still two First Presbyterian Churches in Denver.
One is recognized by the U. S. Presbytery of Chicago.
The other is recognized by the General Assembly of O. S. Church.
9th. In 1870 - still two First Churches in Denver. One in connection with the U. S. Presbytery of Chicago.
The other in connection with the Presbytery of Colorado, O. S.
Church of Christ. The reconstructed synod of Kansas, July 13th, 1870, declare that the Presbytery of Colorado is the legal successor of the O. S. Presbytery of Colorado, in which is one of the First Pres-

byterian Churches of Denver, under the name of Westminster.

Essex, Connecticut, February 20, 1875.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,

My dear Brother:

I have just received the N. W. Presbyterian for February, and in it I find the Poem. I truly hope it will serve to quicken the zeal of the Church to prompt and liberal gifts to the suffering cause of the Master. By omitting what you did, you both abridged the poem and condensed the argument; and as an appeal, direct and earnest, give to the poem increased force. If after awhile you should think of publishing it in a more permanent or rather separate form, it might be well to add what was omitted, for that would give greater fullness, and present not only the temporal bearings of the Gospel, but also some of its final results in the world to come.

In case you should do this, I would like to make one or two corrections and suggestions. But, at any rate, as soon as I can get an hour's leisure, I will prepare them and send them to you. I notice only one error in the proof, for the proof reading was remarkably accurate. In the line "For out upon the prairie thus he spurns", the word "For" should be "Far".

It has occurred to me that, if you should desire it, the Board of Publication would lend a helping hand and print it for you, crediting the excess over to the account of the Mission Department of the Board. I do not know that this could properly be done, but I am sure that Mr. Schauck, who is my personal friend, would do all that his office would warrant.

Please send me twenty-five copies of the paper for this month; and the bill, and I will remit the amount due. I enclose enough to pay the postage now.

Please address to me at Essex, Connecticut. I am here for a time - Acting Pastor (as it is called here) of the First Congregational Church. I came here, for I had for five years been under a fearful strain of body and mind in Boston and vicinity. I came for only two years. I do not propose to settle here, but the change over for a time is doing me good. During the last month the Spirit of God has been with us in great power. I have been busier than ever; but it has been a labor of great joy. All the churches are united. Scores have been converted and reclaimed.

Yours in gospel bonds,

A. S. Gardiner.

Evans, Colorado, February 7th, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter some time since. Am glad to know you are well. I have recovered my health again and feel better than I have at any time for years past. We are all in good health. We have a very good public school this winter - have employed a Mr. Leonard - graduate of Oberlin, with a view of organizing and setting in operation the "University". We have not abandoned that project, nor will we. We are intending to change the Articles of Incorporation, as the Act has not yet been recorded, so as to make a quorum of either a less number, or change the trustees so we can have a quorum for transacting business within reach of Evans.

When you were here, Brother Tom McCutcheon paid for the papers of the Loomis Presbyterian. I was to furnish names of ten persons. I herewith send a list. Some of these persons are able to pay for the paper, and I shall write them in the confident hope that you will get a number of subscribers.

Rev. Mr. McMillan is here with his family; has rented a house, and is improving in health. I brought him from Presbytery with me. He likes our place quite well. He is a good worker in the Sabbath School. He speaks with much sorrow and regret at the course which Turner Jackson and Dr. Lord are taking with respect to you. I am persuaded that while they have some well-meant in certain respect, they are by no means a criteria of wisdom. But the Lord will direct you in every good word and work. You need not to be reminded by me of the promise to those who commit their cause to God. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday. I should regard it as a calamity to the church and the cause of Christ, if these brethren succeed in their uncompromising opposition to you. May God judge betwixt them and you.

Be assured of my kindest regards for you and your family with which Mrs. Stewart earnestly and sincerely unites.

Yours affectionately in the Gospel,
John P. Stewart.

Western Theological Seminary,
Allegheny, Pa., February 10th, 1876

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Reverend and Dear Sir:

Yours of January 19th from New York is received. I am sorry that such an offer was not received before I came South, as I did so because I supposed that the whole line was given up, and no support to be given to Mission Work in New Mexico, except what already being done.

Mrs. Henaul sends me your note, but does not say what her wish in the matter is. Dr. Thomas had not written me on the subject, neither has he sent me any word thus, - Mrs. Henaul. For myself, I am willing to go wherever God in his good Providence may send me, and therefore will go to Lajuna, if Dr. Thomas can give me an appointment as a Teacher in the Pueblo. I wish Mrs. Henaul to be free of school duty as such; so that she may use her time as she sees best. The $500. which the Ladies so very kindly "plead" (and upon which I would safely rely for support) with the Government allowance for a Teacher, would help us very nicely. I hope Mrs. Henaul has written you fully, you her views of the matter, and also that Dr. Thomas has written you telling you what he can do; as I wish to know just as soon as possible. I am here doing what I can to get acquainted, and get into correspondence with vacant Churches, and do not wish to take charge of one if it is plainly my duty to go back to New Mexico. At the same time if I wait till I hear from all quarters, and give up the prospects I have now in view, and then be disappointed in going to New Mexico, it will be a great waste of time to me. You see, therefore, the importance of my hearing from you as soon as you can say <u>come</u> or <u>stay</u>. As I do not know whether you have left New York yet or not, I will send this to New York in care of or to Dr. Kendall and ask him to forward it to you.

Your Servant in Christ our Lord,
John Henaul.

<u>Please add, as above.</u>

Baltimore, Maryland, 10th February,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

When I saw you in Baltimore, you expressed a wish that in order to increase the interest in Western Missions subscribers might be secured for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. At the meeting of our ladies society last week, which on account of bad weather was small, twelve of the ladies gladly subscribed and I hope others may follow their examples. Great interest was expressed in your address on Sabbath evening, and some thought they would like so well to have a female missionary to support. These were remarks made showing that your statements had awakened an interest in the matter and I do not know that there will be any results from it, but I thought if the interest continued I should like to be prepared with some information to meet it. Will you therefore let me know in what region you think the need most urgent, and what salary is required for a female missionary. The constitution of

our own broad continent is so fearful and the nations of the earth are so rapidly gathering into it that home missions seem truly the first to be considered. I do hope, my dear sir, that you will not be satisfied with the hasty visit you made to Baltimore, but will return to deepen the impression already made and when you do come back, hope to have the pleasure of receiving you at Baltimore.

With sincere regard, I remain,

Yours in bonds of Christian fellowship,

C. W. Spence.

Pallisade, Nevada. February 11, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of February 3rd received. Your favor of sending Rocky Mountain Presbyterian is duly appreciated and I should take pleasure in reading it. I received a letter from Rev. J. P. Egbert in regard to forming a Presbytery of Nevada and Utah, and have answered it, heartily approving of it for, as long as we are connected with California, we shall be neglected, but if this state and Utah could be united and placed under the charge of some one of the stamp of Rev. J. P. Egbert, there is no reason why Presbyterianism should not take the lead. Brother Egbert would give excellent satisfaction in that capacity. We have a Minister now in our Church at Elko who is giving excellent satisfaction.

Enclosed I send a dollar, so that you will not be out on postage on the paper.

Respectfully yours,

J. Marchant.

Galesburg, Illinois, February 11th, 1876.

To the Trustees and Session of the Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs:

Dear Brethren:

Your letter of February, per Mr. Copley, is at hand. I cheerfully acquiesce in the result of your efforts by which you have secured so efficient a pastor as Rev. H. B. Gage, and it is with unfeigned pleasure that I think of him as my successor.

But whilst this is so, I cannot but regret the grave misunderstandings that have arisen between the people and myself. It was my firm conviction when I left Colorado Springs that I was occupying a false position in holding a commission from the Board, the terms of which had not

been complied with on the part of the people. This con - viction I had stated three weeks previously at a congrega- tional meeting, urging that they take steps at once to set the matter right. I felt the more powerless myself, because I had particularly requested the Board of Home Missions not to attempt to force the people up to a higher standard of giving than the $700 pledge in their application . Whilst I was waiting in much suspense to see what the people at the Springs would do, and whilst feeling very anxious, feeling conscious also that I ought not to urge them myself, after having made public announcement of the state of the case, I received letters from Lincoln Neb. and from Minneapolis Minn. Each offering me good prospects of immediate settlement in a much wider field of usefulness than I had at Col. Sps. It seemed to me a Providential opening, and afforded me the only relief I could see from my embarrassments. Yet although one of these churches had once given me a unanimous call (which I refused, preferring to remain at the Sps.) and now renewed their solicitations to be allowed to use my name, I did not feel willing to commit myself to anything further than a visit to them with a view to the pastorate should the way be clear. I felt urged by all the circumstances in which I was placed to act promptly, and yet I desired to act fairly and honorably with all parties concerned. I therefore stated publicly to my congregation at the Springs, on the Sabbath before I left, that I had been constrained to consent to visit another church with a view to accepting a call, and that this might lead tothe termination of my relations with the church at Col. Sps. Still I said distinctly that I did not then resign any position I might be supposed to have, but in all fairness to the church at the Sps.,would withold my acceptance of any of any other call, until I had given them abundant opportunity to see what they could do to meet the requirements of the Board of Home Missions. I afterwards told a member of the Board of Trustees(Mr Cropley) that all I wanted was that they should ascertain what was the best proposition they could make me, and send it on to me, my own design being to write and have the Board of H. M. remove the conditions, if they would, so that when the proposition from Col. Sps. came I would be at liberty to accept it if I chose even if it did not reach $950. I certainly thought that in this course I was dealing fairly and even generously with the church. I had no thought of coercing them into doing more than they were able. It was as I thought, and I heard no one question it until after I

left the Springs, a perfectly fair proposition. The church has to send me its best proposition- If I could consistently accept it I would do so and return at once, after an absence of only two Sabbaths. If I could not accept their proposition or saw my duty plainly to lie in accepting a call to Lincoln, I would at once letthe church of Col. Sps. know of it, send in my formal resignation, and then the way would be perfectly clear to give Mr Gage or anyone else a unanimous call. My anticipations in regard to the Board of Home Missions were more than relized. I wrote their exact words in answer to my letter so far as relates to the finances--"I think your people will raise it, that is, the $950 now if you let them alone, but perhaps not-- We will agree to do this if you see fit to remain at the Springs:

1- We will take off the condition if you wish it.

2- We will grant the $300.00 if we must.- We do not want you to leave Colorado if you are as happy there as you seem to be useful."

Yours truly(signed) H. Kendall.
(Sec. H. Missions.)

With this letter in my possession I felt that I now had a position at once at Colorado Springs, and I would have returned at once had I received a proposition from the Springs in any wise satisfactory---I knew they were making an effort there in my behalf and I thought it my place to wait until I learned the result.---

I confess I was greatly surprised to learn that an election was held in which my own name and that of Rev. H. R. Gage were used as candidates. This strikes me as irregular- I never was officially informed in writing of the election held in Oct. at which I was unanimously elected as supply for the ensuring year, but I was credibly informed that such an election was held.- I never contemplated a new election in which the name of my friend should be used with mine, and rather than have permitted it though assured of a large majority(as I could not be) I would have withdrawn entirely- The true course as it appears to me was for the church to communicate with me, through the trustees, as soon as possible after I left, stating the best proposition the church could offer me.- If this was not satisfactory I could and would at once have resigned and left a clear coast for Mr. Gage- And I assuredly would have resigned at any rate upon hearing of any dissatisfaction in the church.

I am very sorry matters have taken the shape they have-but I do not reproach anyone. Conscious of having tried to do right myself throughout this whole affair, I am not prepared to believe that any of my people have wilfully wronged me. Mistakes have doubtless been made on both sides, but through them all I trust the Lord will promote the good of the church. That Mr. Gage may have a long and fruitful pastorate among you, and that he may express united and praying people you hold up his hands and that Gods blessings may be upon the 1st Presbyterian church of Col. Sps. is my desire and prayer --And I am very truly yours,

J. J. Lowrie.

Salt Lake City Utah. Feb. 12, 187.

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Glad to hear from you once more. I wish you had come with me through to Salt Lake, until we could have compared notes for a few hours.

I am not well the last six or eight weeks. I was taken with the chills and fever in Dec. and I am thoroughly upset I have managed to get out of here in about four weeks. I am going to try a change of climate, for a few weeks; the physicians tell me that I will get well quick in that way, and surer than any other. I am not fit for duty, and in justice to myself, I ought not to do it..Besides I want to see if I can raise some money to reduce the debt on our church before assembly. I have an arrangement made with a business man in Cin. who has volunteered to assist me a few days the first week in April. I want a couple of weeks recreation and change before I enter on that work.

That will prevent my being at Synod, if it is to meet in April. I can call it if the brethen think advisable, but as it is out of season and no questions pre for Synodical action, why not let the meeting go by the board until fall?

I am glad our Synod is to be reinforced. We will vote you thanks, and stand to the men between you and Father T[illegible], when the Board is to be overturned.

We need a little special log rolling among the members of the Board of Church election. We ought to have them pledged to about $1500. to every permanent occupancy we make of a Mormon field here in Utah. They will put up

a neat little chapel, or school room, and make our Missionary independent and in a position to make his influence felt. We can't make an aggressive work without it. Mc Millen has been East and you know got plums from the Chicago Ministers for $500. But they have quietly reproved him since he came home. He needs $400. and needs it in March, but where is it to come from? Mc. is just upsetting Mormonism in Mt Pleasant. I think if we get three or four more good judicious men planted down in some of these Mormon centers, we will pry in the sensibilities of the priests lively. Prof. Coyners school is flourishing. It stands first among all the schools of Utah. Remember us kindly to Mrs Jackson. We will meet at the assembly I hope if not before. My wife goes with me East next month. I hope to hear from you again before I go South.

Your Bro.

T. Welch.

Western Theo. Sem. Allegheny, Pa.
Feb. 14th, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.,

Dear Friend;

Yours from N. Y. and Cincinnati have both been received. The former was answered by way of N. Y. I am sorry I did not know of your arrangement before I left N. M. It would have saved and expense. I really did not leave the ship, my case was more like that of Jonah the ship left me. In other words I left N. M. because ther seemed to be no missionary work for me to do. This statement requires an explanation which I do not which to give in writing; but which the brethen understood at the meeting of Presbytery. I came to Santa Fe in December intending to go to Lapma but Dr Thomas told me that the thing was hopeless &c. Matters seemed clear that my time to leave N. M. had come, and I did so, leaving Mrs Menaul and the child in Santa Fe(where they are still) until I would find work of some kind. Now I am not my own but am bought with a price, hence my Masters will is mine and whereever he sends me I am willing to go. It is my sincere prayer that God will make my way so plain that I cannot mistake it. At present His Providence seems to direct me back to N. M., though why I should leave here for want of work just the time provision was being made for work I do not know. What Mrs M. wishes to do in this matter I do not know. I hope that she has

given/you some idea of her views; as I suppose she has answered your letter. As you made arrangements with the Department there is nothing unknown except Mrs Menauls views or wishes. For my own part I am ready to start for the field on very short notice. About my expenses, I think I ought not to have to bear them at all. I thought that (in case I go) I would get on the ground about the 1st April when my time the Governor would begin. Now if the ladies would commence with us on the 1st of Jan. 1875, that would give me $125 or about my fare from here to Santa Fe I think they ought to be willing to do this; and if so I ask no more. If you are going to Santa Fe I hope you will not go until I see to Denver&c.Please let me hear from you soon. Very kind regards to yourself and family

Yours in Christian love,

John Menaul.

I do not think Mrs Menaul will have any objections to going to Laguna.Still I would like to have her say in the matter.

J. Menaul.

Pueblo, Colorado.
February 14, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your kind letter of Dec. 30th was long since received and I was glad to hear from you. Hope your efforts in behalf of the Treasury of the Home Mission Board will be very successful.

Will you please write me what time the Board has its next meeting, as we want to apply soon for the next six months commencing April 1st. Do you think the Board will be in a condition to give us more than $300? We earnestly hope and pray they will be and give it. We must have at least $400- although we shall apply for $500 - and I hope you will do your utmost to obtain the first sum mentioned. After this year our church will not need so much help, and I think in three years or less we will self supporting. Our congregations are excellent and our membership is increasing slowly. Our little church is thoroughly progressive and we are alive to our interests. Our total indebtness to this date will not exceed$40.

Our ladies have organized a "Centenial Association" and by giving socials, dinners, etc; are raising considerable money and next month will order a 1000lb. bell from the found-

ry at Troy N. Y.

Our Eastern Railroad will be here before the 1st proxi. and streets are already filled with strangers and many new faces now appear in our congregations. The prospects for our church are decidedly flattering. As this letter is private do not show it or read it to any one- especially any of the Board. Next month I will send you some items for your paper. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your friend and coworker,

John C. Latshaw.

Golden Colorado, February 15th, 1877.

Dear Bro.,

I suppose it will not be long until you return to Col. Meantime I send you a few brief items which you can make use of in the R. M. Q. if you wish.

At a recent meeting of the congregation of Goldrich we elected two elders and two deacons, Mr Geo. W. Kimball and Mr. Nelson C. Warner(an excellent old man who lately came among us)- were elected elders.- The term service was adopted by the church at the same time. The deacons were Mr. U. S. Moore and Mr. Wm. Smith(son of the late Pastor)- very worthy young men. These parties were ordained and installed last Sab. at our Jan. communion we had six additions by letter one on prof. of faith and we expect other additions shortly A new set of officers were elected for the sab. school last week and it is now in good condition. At the Jan. communion in Black Hawk we had 5 additions 2 on ex. and 3 by letter. Our congregations there have been very large, especially in the evening a gradual increase in attendance in both services since the first. I have not preached to as large congregations anywhere in the territory outside of Denver. Beside their proportion of salary, which is paid promptly each month, this has purchased,for the use of the congregation, some 50 copies "Songs For The Sanctuary" large editions) has made liberal provision for the want of the Sab. set - has added improvements to the church inside and lately a beautiful pair of chandeliers at a cost of $30. The money for all has been raised promply and without any unusual efforts. The more I see of this field the more am I convinced of its importance to our church. Better than all else we have harmony and good feeling which I hope may long continue, Neither of these churches draw anything from the Board this year.

We took up a collection for the H. M. Board lately in each church, B. H. contributed $10.50 Golden $10.00

In Golden we had a very interesting series of meetings in connection with the M. E. church, which lasted 3 weeks beginning with the week of prayer. The attendance was good and much interest was manifested.

Mrs. S. is much better than usual this winter. Unites with me in much love to yourself and family.

These items are in rather bad shape as I am in a hurry this A. M. You can pick them out however if you have occasion to use them.

Please write and inform me when you expect to return. If you could pay a visit to the old church of Murrysville Presb. of Blairsville, (G.M. Spargrovepastor) you would get a warm welcome and might benefit the H.M. cause. My Mother Bro. and two sisters live there and would be glad to see you It is off the Penn'a RRsix miles. I feel some interst in the late overture that is in opposing it. I hope the Pres. of Utah will, reconsider its actions on that subject. It is not the thing for us. I wrote an article for the Presbyterian Banner a western standpoint. It will appear in this weeks Banner. If you wish you can transfer it to the R. M. Presby. If you do not get it in your exchange I will send it. I enclose the amount I owe you $1.00 on subscription of W. B. Steward, .80 addition to the $ 30 sent last spring from Mr. Spargrove's church.

Your Brother in Christ,

R.L.Steward.

Galesburg, Illinois, February 18, 1873,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,

My dear Brother:

On more mature deliberation I think you had better not hand my letter to the trustees of Col. Sps. church, and by no means read it to the people. I think the better way will be for you to carry its contents in your mind and deliver them as verbal messages from me. I don't believe I had better send them any formal written message. You understand my mind about the whole matter and the letter will refresh your memory and you can explain things better than any letter could. My experience in making myself understood by letter to the trustees has not proved a success thus far, and this may only make matters worse. I learn by private letter also A.M. that the trustees felt hurt that I did not

[illegible] &c, Perhaps it would have been better if I [illegible] I [illegible] all that I could [illegible] respect. No [illegible] of the state of the case nearly a month before I left, except Mr. Copley who simply informed me that they could not raise more than $700.

Well, I hope you will make them understand the matter better than they seem to.

Let me know [illegible] condition of the Central City Church (also of the Central of Denver).

Affectionately Yours,
J.G. Lowrie.

Albany N.Y. February 18th, 1873.

Honorable Leland Stanford, President of C.P.R.R.

My dear Sir:

I write this in behalf of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D., a leading missionary and who is going over the region traversed by [illegible] under your charge. He is from [illegible] one of the greatest land agents I have ever known. I mean public as well as holy land. He has had courtesies from the road for the good he does and the way he [illegible] public enterprises, If you can do any thing for him, we will appreciate it.

Yours very truly,
H.R. Pierson.

February 19th, 1873.

To the Commanding Officers of the posts in Arizona.

The bearer of this Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D., editor and supt. of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian proposes to take a missionary trip through Arizona during which I take pleasure in commending him to your courtesies.

Very truly your obdt. Servent,
Wm.D Whipple.
A.D.C. and A.A.G.

Canon City Colorado. Feb. 19th, 1870.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of your note for some time but have been laboring so constantly by day and by night that I have scarcely taken time to let my Parents know all was well.

In spiritual things I take pleasure in saying that Canon and Rosita are doing well and here in Canon I have had good congregations and the people have been interested and attentive . Church always nearly full and sometimes it is quite full. At Rosita I have the largest morning congregations that ever come out and that means for the last time almost enough to fill the Methodist Church. For evening service I had the last time I preached in above church more than 20 who were obliged to remain standing and every seat full and some seated on the pulpit. Good opening for a Presbyterian church at Rosita and people talk of building in summer or fall and they ought to build sooner but some of those who expect to help will not get returns from Min. mines for some time yet and we must wait for them. The Cumberlands are now talking of putting up a church in Rosita. I hoped they would join us and the people in Rosita were willing but their preacher claims "we have no right there" whatever and the new church must be at Cumberland we succome to him. Celebrated communion at Canon on the last Sunday in January and received five new members . Rev. S. Monfort of Pueblo conducted services.

Our prayer meeting on Thursday eve. is larger than that of Pueblo church. We are encouraged , we presbyterians of Canon are much encouraged and though laboring under financial difficulties they are determined to make our church a success. I expect more new members next communion than las Sectaries from N.Y. sent me word they would consider applications of C and R. at next meeting Feb. 29 - I hope you will see that they do not cut down the amount requested as my expenses to Rosita have to be deducted and I will have little enough to live on and as I like the people I hope they will give us enough so that I can remain here . I have not yet had a cent from N.Y. and I hope there will no delay,

Yours &c ,.

Geo, N. Smith.

Helena Montana, Feb. 21th, 1876.

Dear Brethen,
Drs.Kendall and Dickson,

I had in view as my possible successor Rev. Nicholas Stahl of Belleville Ohio. I have written to him and expect a reply soon. Please see to it that Bro. Jackson does not make again the mistake of offering the same field to all the brethren and disappointing therefore, all but one and greatly injuring the work.

Brother Russel of Leesburg should be my successor in justice, if he desires the field and if acceptable to our people. The Board should provide for this. I think that he would do well here, though defective in delivery he writes an admirable sermon and is a person of very genial and jovial manners and a thorough gentleman and of course a good christian his marriage also will be an additional strength as he is the son-in-law of a prominent and well to do gentleman residing here of the Campbellite church, which is with out a minister. Not only his father-in-law but some of his relatives by marriage reside here. Whoever comes, if with a family, must have at least $2500. I dont see how he can live without it.

I will endevor to find out the facts concerning Virginia and Bozeman.

Very truly yours,
W.C.Bonnel.

Georgetown Colo. Feb. 22 nd., 1876.

Rev. John Wilson of Marengo Ill..
Dear Brother,

Yours of the 18th duly received and I assure you will and are doing all we can to place ourselves on an independant footing as far as support of minister is concerned. By the way, our congregation has increased since Bro. Wilson came, proves to me conclusively that we will not be obliged to ask assistance from the Board another year. I intend to be in Denver the 2nd. to attend meeting of Presbty. and will have Bro. wilson with me. And further we desire to invite the Presbty. to meet in Georgetown at its next session. All our officers join in this request,

Yours truly,
W. Bennet.

See cash account Dec. 1875. diary.

Delforte, Colo. Feb. 22nd., 1876.

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Please enclose $20. a check for that amt.

We have you so far----

First payment----------		$100.00
2nd. payment------		$50.00
3rd. payment------	(horse money)-	$11.50
4th. payment----------		$25.00
5th. payment ----------		$10.00
6th. payment (to-day) ----------		$20.00
	Total ----------	$195.50

Organ cash $215.

Paid $195.50

Still due -----$18.50

To be paid next sociable which will end payment in six months as we promised. Is this account right?

We have had 4 sociables, six to come. We have the $100 to pay back to church funs.

Library(public) is increasing. I am preaching at Loma for sake of ladies(chiefly) who cannot come over on account of young famlies and great distance.

Am very poor. Money collected on feilds comes in slowly these last two months. Debt accumulating.

I wrote to you asking for advice about <u>name</u> of being invited to field next year &c. --Elders want me to stay &c. I asked where Presby. met.

Please let me hear from you &c. Annual meeting of the church March 7th, 1876. We design-(D.V.) to issue this year an annual paper-"The Del Porte Presbyter." It will be 4 pages about 8by10 inches--500 copies. We want to secure about 27 inches of advertisments 50cts. an inch. Let me know how many you want for "Rocky Mt. Presbyterian.", make it out -and send it to me. I will pay one inch for you as my subscription for "Pres." for another year. If you want more let me know - and send me the cash , or credit in organ. Write quick. The advertisments are to pay for printing.I design printing the different Boards' time of collection &c. I think I can bring an elder to Presbty. with me. We will have to go on horseback.

Mr. Daniels of Denver- the banker here - went up on these heights objected to my preaching off a soap box for a <u>desk</u> and left orders that a nice one be made-at bill [illegible]

him.

Family well. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and all enquiring brethren.

Yours gratefully,

Alen M. Darley.

Greely Colorado, February 22nd., 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I am not insensible to your kindness in offering me some to your friend for a copy of Dr. S. Memoirs. I see by notices of it in the papers that it is regarded as an interesting and valuable work.

I have always been sorry that any thing should have prevented the most cordial relations between us; and I have always been unable to understand your motives for your partial unwise and unkind treatment of Greely. The favor you have extended to Cheyenne, Ft. Collins and Evans would more than satisfied us.

So far as I am concerned it is a matter of no consequence. Personally I have no favors to ask of you or the Board. But it is not so with the cause of Presbyterianism in Northern Colorado. There will soon under the present policy of the Board be little of it north of Denver. The Board may think that that little there is had better be handed over to the Congregationalists the Episcopalians and the U.P. or Covenenters, which their policy is surely doing. I am sorry to be obliged to say--I don't. After waiting nearly four years for a change of policy I have come to the conclusion that the interest of our cause in Colorado requires that, or a change of men. And from what I learn nearly $60 of the less than 1000 church members in the territory are of the same opinion. And why should not Presbyterians in Denver, in Greely, in Colorado be a band of brethren? They would be but for your conduct in the offices which you hold and of which I and others complain.

And now dear Brother, this is no personal matter with me. As I have said, I have no favor to ask of you or the Board. But I am opposed to your unwise and unjustifiable policy. When ever you shall see fit to change that, my opposition shall cease absolutely. And what I mean by opposing to your policy, in one direction you may gather from what follows, --The excerpt from the Interior inclosed in your letter I had read before. I could not but feel as I read it that Brother Montgomery was either a little fast or a

little soft. And I think if he lives near Brother P. by this time he has come to the conclusion himself, that he was a little of both. Brother Montgomery's leudatore had no weight with me. You have been up to Ft. Collins and know something of the state of things there during and since Brother P. residence as their pastor. He was sent out there with an appointment and a propriation of $600 from the Board against the wishes of a large majority of the Presbyterian people and without any prospect of doing any good.

When I left the Presbyterian cause was in the decendant. Our meetings were full -the court house was crowded. We had secured three lots for a church and parsonage-commenced building the parsonage to be used for a church and $400 to pay on it. What is the state of things now? The lots are forfeted -the parsonage pulled down and sold-- and no one seems to know what has become of the $400 and worst of all the public mind greatly alienated from Presbyterianism. Brother P. told me on his way east, his congregation averaged the last year about 7 persons. Every thing there now seems to be drifting toward Episcopacy. And to accomplish this work of disintegration [illegible], it cost the Board just $1500. And this comes of your policy. The late arrangement you made with Brother Stewart was no less unwise. After visiting the fields his own good sense told him he could do no good there--so he told me. Now dear Brother may I say with out offense all this comes of your men, that are not "John Hally" and further, that if Dr. Mc Cosh has any more such Irishmen I hope he will not send them to Colorada, but to Nebrasna or some other place. Brother P. is a clever fellow, but too intensely Irish for an American congregation.

Negotiations have been on foot to effect a union of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Greely. If I have copies I will send you the correspondence on the subject. The present policy of the Board will probably lead to that of extinction. Indeed the trustees insisted on shutting up the church until some satisfactory arrangement could be made with the Board. Until the Board would treat it as it did Cheyenne, And I now think I was unwise in not consenting to it: I had better have left the policy of the Board to have worked out your "Soverign Will". The church lives now only by my consenting, perhaps unwisely, to preach for them at an expence of $500 a year out of my own pocket. In doing so I am waiting on the Great Head of the church, hoping he will send better and wiser counsels; and give to Presbyterianism in Colorada a happy issue out of all their

complications and trouble.

Notwithstanding all this , I am your Brother in Christ most sincerely. "But when Peter was come to Antioch I withstood him to his face,because he was to be blamed." Gal.2:11

R.G.Thompson.

Have no policy, other than that marked out by the Board and the Presbyteries.
Have no severign will---Can have happy issue out of these troubles.
Have no zeal in doubling up fields, only when I am directed to secure if practicable the union of two or more fields I try to do it.--But if the Presbytery will say to the Board that this arrangement is not wise or practicable the Board will gladly defer to the judgement of the Board.

Dear Brother Thompson,

Yours of the 12th ult. was waiting my return from Utah.
Like yourself I have no personal favors to ask, I do probably not receive more than [illegible] by the votes of the brethren. And if Colorado was excepted from my field, it would not change matters much, I could then be more influential in the councils of Colorado Presbytery. And even if I was to retire from [illegible] of our mission churches I could say the same influence, because as in the past I would continue to act in harmony with the rights and interests of the Church.
You ask if I have [illegible] trouble in Israel and I think you have --- You think I have acted unkindly toward Greely and I am unable to see it.-- You think you have unfairly been discriminated against while to me it seems that I am the persecuted one by you.---You-- but perhaps it is unwise to discuss grievances. -- As we are on common ground having no personal favors to ask, we are perhaps better prepared to bind the past and to work heart and hand together. And I fully reciprocate your remark"I have always been [illegible] &c." It has been a cherished [illegible] with me I welcome you to this land with my whole heart--We have both been in the home mission work, - both zealous for the extension of Presbyterianism --both old school Presbyterians---both of one mind in the Toronto controversy --both have substantially the same views of the work. I felt that a valuable helper had come, one that I could look up to and be counselled by,as by a father but I need not say how my spirit by [illegible] has been lacerated. Your repeated and violent

[illegible] in public, necessarily [illegible] in a measure and [illegible] I have not been content to have it remain so. Again and again during these years and especially during [illegible] I have [illegible] sometimes with [illegible] I [illegible] that God [illegible], through [illegible] to Jacob, or Tharob to Moses, would turn our hearts to one another. I have not indulge enmity to my brethren, but [illegible] to forgive as I hope to be forgiven. And even to feel that any of the brethren indulge hard thoughts toward me is torture. If I have wronged you in any way or the church [illegible] I [illegible] it in private or before the Presbytery, and, if I know myself am ready at any time to make any reparation in my power--consistent with the interests of [illegible]. And whenever you are willing to cease your public attempts to discredit me, which have failed in the past and probably will for some time to come, and go to work, you will find that after all you will have your own way. For [illegible] can not [illegible] an arbitrary one, before which both Board and Presbytery had to yield. Now I [illegible] over my policy [illegible] by what the Board and Presbytery [illegible]. And when I can no longer conform to their policy and attempt the carrying out of their expressed wishes I will resign. But [illegible] hobby and a [illegible] Presbytery, you will find me most earnest and active in trying to carry [illegible]. I feel a [illegible] give me credit for and I stand ready to treat it at all times, not only to treat it as well as I do Cheyenne, Evans and Collins, but to give it the preference over the two latter. And to give it [illegible] relative position according to [illegible]. But [illegible] previous process, with out much success, now suppose you try milder methods, and advise with me as to the present and future action with [illegible] Northern Colorado. And if at any time you think I am not doing the best thing, instead of [illegible] Presbytery [illegible] you write me that you think I am making a mistake and that you would like to talk it over with me, and I will take the earliest opportunity to come down to Greeley and [illegible] to talk over fully such [illegible] points and together seek divine wisdom in prayer I think that we will find that we can come to an agreement that [illegible] satisfactory. And thus the work moves on harmoniously and pleasantly. You will find me fully ready for the things that make for peace. Suppose [illegible] give it a trial. Such [illegible] this advantage----it will be pleasing Christ and cause us to feel more pleasantly toward one another. But [illegible]

[illegible] or not, as God shall give me strength I propose to take every opportunity of showing kindness to you and treat both you and your work the same as if you were my warmest friend.

Your Brother in Christ.

Sheldon Jackson.

New York, February [illegible], 1873.

Rev. Dr. S. Jackson,

Your favor of the [illegible] instant is here, several letters from

Brother Lyon and Sloan of Bismark intend visiting the Black Hills to settle. Sloan go there is will not be necessary for you to go. Sloan is one of the best men for the purpose. The Black Hills are in Dakotah and so regarded by Lyon as his mission. So he writes. We [illegible] to say a letter from Dr. D.S.Backey, he says enclosing a check for $50 to your order [illegible] it here at first and it was returned to him to make payable to Mr. Canton if it was for Home Missions, and to send it directly to you, if for you, as you had left for Denver. He returns it here writing "Dr.Jackson left word to have all his letters sent to Denver" "I know not what [illegible] check, or [illegible] I prefer [illegible]. A [illegible] Home Missions and I did not relish any separate treasury or object, I thought it best to send it through your office, especially as he so directed. You will do me the favor therefore to retain it in your office until he calls or sends for it, or until you learn where he is. As your letter tells us of your arrival there we send it to Denver. Advise us of its safe arrival and if for Home Missions, you can transfer to Mr. Eaton,

Most truly and fraternally yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

Hope [illegible] will [illegible] around on your return to Denver.

[illegible] of Mr. [illegible] and secure self support. It is not certain yet that Mr. Rommell will leave Helena. His health may compel him, but he is [illegible] and the [illegible] is unfavorable reaches here.

The best will be done to reinforce the frontier field. The [illegible] about Indian **Agencies** [illegible] and as they are [illegible] the Foreign Board exclusively. Will be very glad if Brother Mannall can get on and be useful [illegible] **Laguna** with [illegible] **Agencies.** I think [illegible] Board will

"[illegible] for they have not here-to-fore influenced much credit on mission work. The Lord [illegible] all things right. I have not heard from G.H. yet as to his Princeton address. Have you? Kind remembrance to Mrs Jackson and children when you write.

Most truly [illegible] fraternally yours,

Cyrus Jackson.

Deer Lodge Montana, February 23, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I learn from Mr. Russel that you expect to come to Montana this summer with some ministers for this field. I am glad to hear of it. You will all be heartily welcomed. As far as the differences between you and us are concerned we will for the Master's sake endeavor to forget them and if I can help it they shall not be mentioned. If possible come in June so that you can get your work organized before Bishop Tuttle comes. The Episcopal church as far as possible disorganized all our arrangements. If possible get an assurance from the Board of Church Erection that they will give $500 towards buying the church in Missoula. It was built by the North Methodists and it was completed three years ago. It is a neat little church cost a little over $2000. The ministers deceived the people about it and they will not pay a cent on the debt. It is probable that we can buy it. Bishop Tuttle proposes to send a man to Missoula. If you can get your man on the field in June you will beat him out of the church. We have now about a dozen members in the Presbyterian. Missoula is well thought of. Missoula will be a large town in the place where the rail-road is built. It has the best prospects of any town in the territory. Better and surer than Helena. A Mr. Riggs of Auburn New York has written to me about coming out. I will reply to him as soon as I can.

Respectfully,

J. R. Russel.

March 4, 1872.

Dear Brother Russel,

Your letter of the 18 was received this morning and I thank God for it. I have often prayed that God would bring our leaders together again because it seemed necessary for the prosperity of his work. Montana has always been a favorite field of mine, as those who have heard my public addresses will testify and to [illegible] been and

with me still wittness. It was pleading for Montana that
awakened a new missionary spirit in Auburn Theological
Seminary, & of the young men who offered themselves to
the Board. It has been a constant source of regret that
circumstances which I could not control have prevented in the
past the extension of our work in Montana. I would have
wished, but I trust that now a brighter day is dawning and
you may receive the needed reinforcements. The men at Auburn
who are ready for Montana are Orman W. Wright, Warner B. Riggs
and William H. Miles. The name of the fourth I have lost.
Dr. Kendall was to visit them, but I have
not yet heard that he did so. However, from the secretaries promises
and whole East, that time will come. [illegible] in
Montana [illegible] &c.

Sheldon Jackson.

Galesburg Ill. February 26, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I which while you are at the Springs I
would remind the trustees that according to the rule of the
Board they must have my cert'l and that they are not indebted
to me, but on the contrary Gage's still acting across upon.
If this had been insisted upon at Central when Gage went there
it would have been better for both of us.--Because it was not
I lost nothing. I can't expect to lose anything from Colorado
Springs. I have been cured and don't know what it would say
be.

As to the letter I gave you, you may as well use your own
judgment when you are on the ground. You will think I am
freshly, but I really have been much perplexed to know what to
do. Let us know if any opening that may suggest itself to
you, with its prospects.

Pray for us, my dear brother, that the Lord may guide me aright
in making choice of another field.

Sincerely yours,

J.G.[illegible]

Helena Montana, February 21, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letter was duly received and
brought good news indeed. It was a cause of rejoicing that
more laborers were to be sent to this [illegible] of the
Lord's vineyard. I am [illegible]

the next year, as my purpose is to engage in a years study, if my health permits. Many thanks for your kind offer. I have had my eye on the Rev. Nicholas Stahl of Belleville Ohio as a possible successor here in Helena and have already written him upon the subject. Please do not forget the earlier draw backs in this field and do not promise the same field to different parties; it will be extremely injurious. There is but little difference between Missoula and Bozeman although the latter is the more desirable. Some of our Helena people would perfer Brother Russel of Deer Lodge as their pastor, in some respects he would do very well as he would have an extensive influence with the Campblellites and with large Southern element that is here and would not be objectionable to the Northern element. People too, go to hear the man whom they like, almost as much as to hear a good sermon and Brother Russell has good congregations, when he preaches here. My decided conviction is that he should have the first opportunity for the field, if the people prefer. He feels quite kindly toward you and you would I presume throw no hindrence in the way.

Kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson. The young men should get here early before Bishop Luttle will have an opportunity of occupying Missoula.

Yours with kind regards,
W.C.Rommel.

Allegheny Pa. February 24, 1873.

Rev. S.Jackson D.D.Denvor Col.

Dear Sir;

I expect to start from here in a few days where I hope to meet you D.V. on your arrival there. Your last letters have been received and as Mrs. Menaul says nothing about the matter I will take it for granted that she is willing to go to Laguna.

Yours in Christian love,
John Menaul.

Greely Colorado. February 26, 1873.

Dear Brother,

The necessities of our case impel me to write this second postal. Our pulpit is now vacant and our church closed and we must look to you for our supply in the future

You requested Father to write to that young man at the semenary in Chicago but we as a Church do not feel that we are in a position to make overtures to anyone. For as yet we are in the dark as to what course you and the Board propose to pursue in regard to us. Neither can we state the amount of money we can raise until that is settled, and our people know what kind of a man we are to get. For you know people will give according to their feelings and the amount would depend largely as to whether they were pleased or displeased. It is there-fore most earnestly requested that you will not fail to spend a Sabbath with us before you go to New Mexico. Our soceity requested me to write this postal and to state that they would meet you in a body when you came.

Your Brother in Christ,
J.R.Thompson.

Fort Collins. February 26, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:
Dear Sir,

I write you to learn the prospects of our little church having a supply from the Board of Home Missions. We feel that while we are with out a minister we are not lying idly on our oars but unmistakablely going backwards. I have been talking with some of our members and some of the congregation and we think we can raise something over two hundred dollars the first year and if we could have a live man, one who is earnest in the cause of the Master we could do much better the second year.

Roseville New Jersey. February 23,1876

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Sir;

Will you please place a Missionary in some spot where a laborer is most needed and I will send the money to support him for a year. Please inform me the amount required. And oblige,

Anna J. Greenwood.
No. 27 South 11th, Street
Roseville N.J.

Answers March 2. $500 to $800.

Longmont Colorado, March 3, 1876.

My dear Brother Jackson,

I fear I have neglected too long to write you about organizing at Erie. The Presbyterians there desire to pospone until in April and you know it is always best to consult their wishes not seeming to force matters. Had intended to be at the called meeting of Presbytery this week in Denver but not feeling entirely well, I thought it wise to remaine at home and gather strength.

Our church bulding is now ready for the roof. Could you not find some parties who would donate us a bell? Our going forward will be heavy lifting but the Lord helping we shall conquer.

Fraternally &c.

W.P.Teilsworth.

Georgetown Colorado. March 6, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As my settlement here as Pastor is in contemplation I desire to know if you could procure a half fare for me, or any reduced rates in returning to lower for my family and for us all on our return to Colorada. My family is at Marengo lower on the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific road, 85 miles west of Davenport. Our road would be to Cheyenne and then to Denver. There would be self and wife, and four children over twelve years of age. Could I get reduced rates on my household goods?

The prospect here so far is very encouraging. Good congregations morning and evening each Sunday.--Very fair attendance at prayer meetings and an increase of fourteen members -six in examination.

Was sorry that I did not go down to meeting of Presbytery last week. Glad that Spring meeting is to be held here.

May I hear from you soon?

Very sincerely yours,

John Wilson.

Princeton, March 8,1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:
You have been sending me the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for some years. I think I ought long since to have sent you the subscription price. I now enclose three dollars.
I pray God to preserve your life and health and to crown your disinterested labors with abundant success.
Your friend,
Charles Hodge.

Del Norte Colorado. March 14, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,
Are you to reside now in Denver? I sent you the $10. in January by money order can get the number date, &c if necessary from post office here. You never acknowledged it. I sent it to New York to the Board's box, as you directed. It was the $10 of my own paid me by Hawley and McIntock. Let me hear of it.
My church gave me a unanimous "call" to the pastorate asking 3/4 of my time - with Laguache Summit and valley points included in the 1/4. All they will need for this year. Church pledges $700.
You say go through S. Park to Idaho Springs. If I get company I will go that way possibly though it is said to be very bad travelling there in May. And I am advised to take the longer route by way of East side of mountains. I would prefer riding to Pueblo and taking cars, want of money being the only difficulty. My debts hang heavy upon me. Can I and my elder, or I alone get any half fares or whole fares to Denver and from Denver to Georgetown? Is there a rail-road from Denver to Georgetown? Is there a rail-road from Idaho Springs to Georgetown? I never saw worse executed maps than Thayer's of Colorado. Please be explicit and if you can get me whole or half fares please do so. I have had large amount of freight over Denver and Rio Grande and K. rail-road this winter. Have well advertised latter road. I got "Prospecter" containing history of our first year here and sent you. You failed to give my library effect notice in Presbyterian. I will put in your advertisement

with pleasure. Give it first place in "Presbyter".
I have written introductory letter chiefly personal and grateful to Ladies at Schenectady. I will do my best to awaken an interest in missions. I am also thinking of taking copies of the letters which will be a methodical presentation of work, field, missions, &c. And sending the same to Bath, New York and Lancaster Pa. What think you? I design writing with care and all the interest and descrimmination I can command. I want to see what I can do in that line. As I expect to present my field fully to Presbytery and to see you there I will not write of it now.

Yours ever gratefully,
Alex M. Darley.

Trinidad Colorada. March 14, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,
I have not heard of your arrival in Denver and hardly know where to address you. Had a letter from Mrs. Woods of Marshall Mich. saying that since she had written to you, one of their members had offered herself to Foreign Board and so they could not work for Home Missions. I presume we are out this year for a mission box and I presume too my salary will fall short $200. So my wife has spent three days over an old coat fixing it up and trying to do work a Philosopher can't do,make old new.

As to Church matters I hope you will try to spend a Sabbath here in April or before Presbytery meets and hold a congregation meeting and if they want my continued services have them say so. You know Church and place--They are not a Church which knows how to rally around a minister. Were I to consult personal feelings I would resign any time, but I am not going to do that, I am willing to hold on and will do it if the Church will give me a chance. Mrs. Gage feels just as I do about it. I know I do not ask you to do what will involve you in any way in anything unpleasant. I know how every one feels towards you, I want you if possible to hold a congregational meeting here before Presbytery so I can know what to do. I must know before I go to Presbytery. Personally I would gladly hail an new opening . There are some very congenial families here more families of a congenial character than were in Georgetown or Central. But on the other hand there is here another set who are the worst gossiping crew in the country.(This is confidential). And our Church lacks back bone in standing by its preacher.

(I have never seen the gossip equaled).
Now I do hope you can come here& spend the Sabbath and hold congregation meeting and find out whether they want me as their pastor. My impression is that the Church does not wish a change. I know you are "bored" (that is the word) with all troubles of Colorada ministers. So I will say I am not low spirited but am going in on my muscle. My Mother's heart is better. I must go home next summer if possible if she is still living as I don't suppose she will live another year.
Regards to Mrs. Jackson.
John L Gage.

Essex Conn. March 15, 1876.

Dear Brother:
Your card of the 9th, is at hand, reached me to-day. I regret the exhaustion of the edition for February I had promised a number of friends a copy. I had a letter from Boston the other day from Brother Aupir asking for a copy as Rev. Baily had met him while in town and said that the prize had been accorded to me. I write to say that the copy I had was pretty well used up by handling and I do not wish to ask for your copy. In view of the fact that the edition was exhausted, and that others besides my self desire copies of the paper (it may be in part for the sake of the poem)it seems to me that it would not be amiss to have the poem republished say in the May number and, if agreeable to you republished in Fall. I expect to go to Philadelphia by and by and I hope to see to Tchencle about publishing the poem in pamphlet form. If I could show him the poem printed complete, he could form a better judgment of the expense &c. But I leave the matter to your judgment, I am sorry that I have troubled you so often in the matter.
Very truly yours,
A.S.Gardiner.

Deer Lodge Montana. March 15, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
I learned yesterday from Rev. Mr. Gilbert the Episcopal minister here that Bishop Tuttle expects to be here in June. It is important that we have a minister in

Missoula before the Bishop comes. There is no minister of any denomination in Missoula at present. We have there about a dozen communicants. I was ordered by Presytery to go there in April and organize them into a church in order to get ahead of the Episcopalians. Mr. Gilbert told me he expects to go down there about the last of April. I will go about the first of the month and attand to the work assigned me. I will have to promise them a minister for they told me last year that they would not organize unless they could have a minister. That community will also be more liberal than Deer Lodge has been. If you can, please come out and bring the minister by the last of May. The Bishop will "do the West side" of Montana first. If you can't come yourself send the Missoula man in advance. Everything depends upon our getting him there before the Bishop comes. The way is open. The Bishop is trying to get a first classman there. It is more important to us than Bozeman. The Episcopal minister in Bozeman is not popular and the Methodist minister isa dunce. Missoula is the important town of Western Montana. Deer Lodge can't amount to much. If I can succeed in making any arrangements I propose to move to Butte, 45 miles from Deer Lodge. Butte is a new quaint town rapidly building up. I expect to preach there next Sunday. I hope it may be expedient and the way clear for us to begin to build a church there when you come out this Spring.

Very respectfully,
J.R.Russle.

Philadelphia.March 15, 1876.

Rev. S.Jackson.
216 Colfax Ave.
Denver Colorado.

Dear Brother in Christ;

Your letter as published in "Our Paper" of February 20/76, prompted some of our classes to respond and we enclose to your order a draft for $50.00 dollars to assist you in the good work in Arizona. Indeed the whole school takes a part as the draft is sent by our "Missionary Paid Society". We trust your journey will be a safe one and that you may be the means of leading many out of the darkness into the light of the "Son of Rightecusness". We shall consider it a great favor to have a line from you when you receive this, at any time when you are so inclined. Such facts as you

can give us from time to time will assist us greatly in giving the missionary sprit a deep hold on our sunday school and church people. "Our Paper" is published by our school and about 1500 copies are circulated every week and in such a school and church (a mission church) we like to have them look at the whole field instead of confining themselves to their ouw field. Anything from you will assist in the good work in our midst. May the Lord bless you and keep you is the prayer of Bethany Sabbath School.

Yours truly,
W.E.Loudon.
Pres. M.and A. soceity of B. S.S.

P.S. Our Superintendent, John Wannamaker will be much pleased to know that the school is reaching out the helping hand to you. When we get your reply to this it will be a pleasant surprise.

W.E.L.

Missoula, March 21, 1875.

Denver Colorado.
Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Sir and Brother,

Your kind favor of the fourth is at hand and the news is indeed cheering to a few of us who have been brought up in the good old fashioned Presbyterianism which makes no compromise with the ism's of the day.

Mr. Russel writes me he has been authorized to organize a church and will be done the 1st.or 2nd. Sabbath in April. We can start with 2 male and 7 or 8 female members. I do not know that the Methodists will sell their church. It was paid for by the people of Missoula (with the exception of $500 loaned by their church board who hold a mortgage for this amount on church) and if they are willing to sell it at a reasonable rate we ought to secure it at once. It needs repairs, the plastering has fallen from a portion of the ceiling and side walls and windows need attention. Could you not get some of the Board say Dr. Dickson to interview their Dr. Kynett and ascertain what they will take for the property? Will be glad to meet you whenever it is convenient for you to com to Missoula.

Yours very truly,
Fred Kennett.

Colorado Springs Colorado. March 21, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I hoped to have seen you before this. Have a letter from Mr. Lowrie for you. Should you call here for it. I suppose it is not necessary to say that we have concluded to remain in this Presbytery. I can not say I am flattered with the present prospects of our church; But I am very much encouraged with the condition of affairs. I never knew this church when it was in so favorable a growing state. At present we have the largest prayer meeting and sabbath school in town and as far as I can see there is peace, unity and a desire to work among almost all. The audiences just continue along from what they were when Mr. Lowrie went away. Mrs. Gage is very much at home here and takes actively hold of all Paul will allow her time to do. Have you seen Fairplay? I am getting anxious to have that field held. Finks wants to come back to the territory but not to Fairplay, on account of his wife. Several districts in San Juan country need ministers this summer. Mr. Harte (elder here) and Mr. Stephen(a member here) have each asked if I could not secure a live man for Silverton and that county.. They built a chapel last summer, held sunday school every Sabbath and want a preacher this year to occupy the place and county. Mr. Harte says (last evening he came to see me about it) that he will pay for a preacher if his gold mines develope as he expects them to. They just got to work last Fall and they paid $20.00 per day, per man. Mr. Stephens says "The miner's will pay liberally for a good live man" Anderson would be just the man with his experience to go there. Anderson is inclined to leave Boulder and I want him to stay in the Presbytery if he can be suited with a church. Everybody gives the San Juan mines the same reputation, "The nicest in Colorado". Mr. Copley and some others "a company" own "The Silverton mines" which they are trying to negociate at one million, and out siders who have seen the mine say it is the greatest in the United States. This in the "Silverton District". Were I free footed I would like a commission to San Juan and I would ask nothing better. All I hear speak of Mr. Darley speak very highly of him. I see no reason why the Presbyterian church should not be in the van if the men can be obtained. Stewart says you were at Central. I am glad you were. Of course you heard all about my "derserting them". I only regret I did not leave at the

Fall meeting of the Presbytery. But I hope they will soon have another minister and that they will be more honest financially with him than they were with me. I am glad I am on my old field again and the people all welcome our return. I shall try and supply Monument, but have made no arrangements yet. I may preach some at Maniton, but have not reconnoitered out side of the town. If you are going South before Presytery stop and spend a day with me and arrange for the county field. They want me to preach twice per. Sunday here and at Manitor. I should have to preach in the P.M. and at Monument during the week.

With kindest regards &c.
I am yours,
Henry B.Gage.

San Juan Archipelap Washington Terr.
March 25, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Sir,

Your most kind and very welcome letter received yesterday. What sunshine your encouraging letters always bring to my heart. I would have sent you our communication ere this, but in chopping some winter's wood I accidently sprained my wrist and have been unable to use my pen conveniently. You will deem me a son of misfortune, will write a letter in a few days. I will send a grateful letter to Miss. Anna M. Dale, for her liberal donation. How kind is your disposition to aid me in my needy work. May kind heaven abundantly bless you. Yes I will see Brother Thompson in a week or two, before Presbytery meets and have him help me with the blank form &c. I thank you for congratulations rendered on the prospect of a companion, even this has failed me for this year at least, my present circumstances having induced me to wait awhile, it may be that I shall loose the prize. "We propose" &c I pray God, that by strict economy through out this year and a little aid, I may be in better circumstances in the coming.

A member of my church died happy in the faith last week, who, three years ago was so very wicked. This has greatly encouraged me.

Ever gratefully yours,
T.J.Weekes.

Roseville New Jersey. March 25, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Sir:

Your letter of March 2nd., was received. As the amount required was more than Mrs. Greenwood had, for she had already given 25 dollars to the cause, after earnest prayer she devised a plan whereby she could make up the amount, and in speaking to a gentleman the next morning he gave her 200.00 dollars. In the meantime she called upon the Rev. Dr. Sims a popular preacher and lecturer, being a Methodist he was about leaving the city but said he would give her one evening. She explained the object and he made the remark,"The Lord does not ask this of you,"she said, "I do not wish him to ask me, but if he will only accept is all I wish". Dr. Sims mentioned the subject this evening. Mr. Penrose, a former member of our church kindly printed the tickets without charge, so we set about selling them, in the meantime however an organ concert was arranged which created a little feeling and dampened our object, however that concert cannot be until the 2nd. of April and the lecture was last evening which raised the amount to about 500.00 dollars. Please place a Missionary where he can do the most good, as 200. of this is a centennial offering, 200. a thanks offering, and 100. a willing offering from those who love the work. We will pay it gladly and our earnest prayers will follow the money. We received those papers and return our thanks.

Your coworkers in the Master's vineyard.

Mrs. Mary Schenck.

Anna J. Greenwood.

P.S. Please let us hear from you soon. Direct N. 34 South 11th. Street. Roseville N.J.

New York City. March 28, 1876.

Mr. Jackson,

I have sent you a barrel (by slow freight I believe) which contains papers and some quilts &c. which I thought might be useful to some of the Missionaries. I asked my express man to pay the express through he said he was not able to do so, and so paid it as far as he coula which was to Chicago. For which I enclose the receipts. When you have received the barrel if you will please send me word what the

rest of the express comes to I will be happy to pay it. I have two old writing desk but I believe in good order if you know of any Missionaries who would be likely to use them or would care for them please let me hear and I will send them on. I have no use for them now. Please let me hear from you soon and direct to

Mrs. L.P.Halsted,
110 East 37th,Street.
New York City.

Los Angeles California. March 31, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Dear Brother,
Your postal card from Denver dated March 18th, came yesterday.
Our Presbytery meets on the 6th, of April. We shall all be sorry not to have you with us. Having seen Arizona you would be able to give us much valuable information as to its wants-prospective importance &c. Our Committee on Home Missions instructed me to confer with you and empowered me to take such actions as may be thought best. I am accordingly glad you have undertaken the exploration of that territory yourself and I know our Brethern of the Los Angeles Presbytery will also be glad.

There are some matters about which we would all like your counsel and hope as you travel through Southern California you will gain correct knowledge of its wants. Personally I shall be glad to meet you and will expect you. I am not keeping house or I should invite you to my home. My wife starts for the Atalantic States in a few days and my son for Princeton. I return with my people.
Hoping you may have a safe and prosperous journey and that I shall see you in due time I remain

Yours Truly,
A.F.White.

Silver City New Mexico. April. 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,
I am better but not well enough to say with certainty that I will start on Wednesday. I hope I shall be, and if so, and I do not hear from Brother French in the

matter of the pass over Tues route I will meet you at Maricopa Wells as arranged.
My leg is improving but I cannot walk without crutches yet. Will write Mr. Masson on Monday. You must appreciate your rest at Tueson. I hardly reliaze you have been here your stay was so short and I was feeling so badly. Am sorry you found me in such a plight but accidents will happen. People were sorry you could not remain longer. In case I am not able to come out to meet you, anything you might wish to say to me about route East from San Francisco could be left in the post office at San Francisco. The half fare permit from Ogden East I will find in the Ogden post office.
Wishing you all success in Arizonia and a safe and pleasant journey. I remain, your Brother in Christ,

W.W.Curtis.

Del Norte Colorado. April 5, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I enclose $18.50 the remainder due on the organ. We have now paid you the $215.00 I forget whether we promised any interest on the money or not. It is just six months since we get it, as near as I can remember. Thanks for your kind waiting. We had a delightful sociable last evening. Subject of lecture was "Money" by General Bowen. Presbytery will be out next week. Have started a"Colored Sunday School". Will start a Sunday School in Piedia Friday. Good appointment there.
I hope you may yet be able to get me "passes" from Pueblo to Georgetown or at least half fares. Let me know soon. All well. End of this last ecclesiastical year leaves me $250. in debt.
Lihany enterprise is prospering. Regards to all.

Yours fraternally,

Alex. M.Darley.

Minneapolis Minn. April 3, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have run up here for a short visit. Stillwater, Hudson and St. Anthony are vacant, and Syon says he thinks I can go to one of them. But I must confess my pref-

erences are still for Colorado. I have not been very well and this Spring weather does not help me any. Have you anything additional to communicate in regard to Boulder? If Anderson is expecting to leave I would like to know how the people would be disposed toward me: but ofcourse I would do nothing until he is entirely out of the way and of his own accord. Brother Sample has had letters from Donnel and Blackburn urging him to consider a call to again: but he has sent them a refusal. His people here have made a move to start a new church but the enterprise is at a standstill just now. Thanks for your kind notice in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I think if the way should be open for me to return to the territory, I can induce Mother and Sister to go out at-least for a time and then we can all be together.
When I get settled again I will try to get my hand in once more to prepare you an occasional article. Can you rely meanwhile on a promise.

Affectionately yours,
J.G.Lowrie.

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Tucson Arizona. April 8, 1876.

Petition for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church in Tucson Arizona.

April 8, 1876.

Organized by Dr. Jackson April 9, 1876. In order to secure Protestant Church privileges for Tucson, we the undersigned, members in good and regular standing in the various Evangelical Churches, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for the Territories, to organize into a Presbyterian Church, and secure for us a good and efficient minister. And for this encouragement we pledge our hearty cooperation in the effort to establish and build up said Church; and do also authorize Mr. Jackson to procure our certificates of membership from the Churches with which we are now connected.

Church Connection.

Name.
John P.Clum.
Anna E Lord.
E.D.Williams.
C H.Lord.
E.J.Hughes. Meadville Pa.

Tucson Arizona. April 8, 1876.

To encourage the movement of the Presbyterian Church to furnish Tucson with a Protestant Church, we the undersigned Citizens pledge them our hearty cooperation and support.

Chas. H.Wells.	Frank Stapler	Mrs. I.W.Eaton.
Mrs. Chas. H.Wells.	Thos. Ewing	C.G.W French.
B.F.Stone.	J.H.Morton.	J.F Lord.
Mrs. Byron F.Stone.	Jno. R.Roche.	Mrs.J.F.Lord.
Marie M.Fish.	Paymoctunpa.	Mrs.F.L.Austin.
L.A.Scott.	A.R.R.Safford.	John Miller.
Mrs. J.W.Hopkins.	J.Gundsen.	William S.Edwards.
W.W.Williams.	L.C.Hughes.	

Los Angeles, California.
April 10, 1876.

Col. Albert Johnstone,
My dear Johnstone;
This will introduce the "Rev. Sheldon Jackson" of the Home Missions of New York. We have enjoyed his short visit here very much and he has started a Church Organization for us. He comes from Amsterdam in the old valley you and your good wife know to well and most probably you will find out mutual acquaintances.

Yours truly,
Chas. H.Wells.

Helena Montana. April 12, 1876.

Rev. Drs. Kendall and Diecksor,
Dear Brethren,
I trust you fully appreciate the situation of our church here. Helena is the key of Montana for the present and is likely to be for sometime.Bozeman, in case the Northern Pacific is pushed, will be a vigorous town and its prospects in that event are flattering. Its people are sanguine that it will rival Helena. Our church organization there numbers 18 members and a good man would establish the church on a firm basis. Tha majority of the citizens look upon our church with the most favor. Just now is the time for the man.I assisted Brother Crittenden at Communion there last Sabbath week. The congregation was large. Two were

received by letter and one on profession of faith, Brother Crittendon is the only resident minister, who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the people. He is gradually overcoming the unfortunate influence of Brother Frackleton. Our people there say that the time is ripe, as never before since Frack left, for us. I am very anxious that the right man should come to Helena. Our people are somewhat down hearted at the prospect of my departure, they held an enthusiastic and large meeting in the church on Friday night 3 weeks ago and asked me to remain as their pastor giving me a vacation as long as I wished. I did not fully know of their esteem and affection toward me, nor the influence of those with out of which I have had some gratifying evidence. Still I do not see my way clear to remain, if a suitable successor be obtained and so I answered them.

Whom will the Board send here? And when will he come? I desire to get away by the first of July, but have promised to remain until my successor comes. How many brethren will be sent to Montana and when will they come? When is Mr. Jackson expected? These questions are frequently asked and I would like to be able to give a definite answer. Does the Board know of the cost of living here and does it propose to force such men as Brother Russel of Deer Lodge out of the ministry? Deer Lodge is dead and the people discouraged and Brother Russel is in debt simply because the Board does not and has not given him a reasonable support. It is rumored that he will open a drug store in Butte. All such rumors injure a minister and the church which failes to support him. Perhaps the Board does not know the value of prompt payments of salary and that some of the bills run on at an interest of 1 1/2 and 2 per cent per month. I have been very indignant at the sufferings and labors of Brother Crittenden and his family who are doing more to leaven Gallatin County with the gospel than all the other denominations put together. The pitiful sum of $600-(about 300 in the states) was received by him last year, about enough for one man to starve to death on in genteel style. None of the other missionaries of the Board have been under so much expense and none have received such small salaries in proportion as those in Montana Well a truce! I suppose you get enough of this. But I pray the Board to secure a competent and prompt support to the brethern. A married man can not live in Helena for less than $2000.00 a year.

Brother Russel preached in Missoula last Sunday and he proposes to organize the church there. Missoula with its 250 souls has heard two sermons in about 6 months. The Black Hills have drawn away some of the floating population, but

there is a lull just now from the unfavorable reports.
Praying the Lord of the Harvest for more laborers in this harvest and that he may send competent workmen. I remain
Very truly yours,
W.C.Rommel.

P.S. I wrote sometime ago suggesting Brother Russel for Helena. The people prefer to wait for the Board to supply. It would be well to give them the choice yourselves selecting the best of the new brethren.

Flemington New Jersey. April 12, 1873

Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Brother,
I want to thank you for "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" which I receive monthly. I read it with great interest. I surely hope it may be sustained; to this end I enclose $500. which does not come from me. I send it out of sums of money which has been put in my hands to distribute as I thought best. Please continue my copy, I send one to Will Chancellor Van Fleet, Flemington N.J.
Continue your articles on New Mexico and the Rocky Mountains Region as they are valuable, as much so as any articles in our religious papers. I found your paper of great service when I prepared my annual sermon for Home Missions.
But I am letting my pen run too long-longer than you will want to read. Let me stop then by praying that the Lord may greatly bless you and your colaborers.
Yours truly,
Geo. L.Mott.

The Manse, Riverton. April 13, 1873.
The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Please send me a copy of "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" Address--Rev. C.Stuart Ross, Riverton, Otago A. New Tealand.
Yours very sincerely,
Stuart Ross.
P.S. I will send subscription fee after receiving first number.
C.S.Ross.

Monument, Colorado. April 13, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Denver.

Dear Sir;

We have "waited" and "held together" as you advised when here last, "till Fall" and then from Fall until Spring. There has been no increase in our membership nor any diminution. Several might have joined last winter but as we had no preacher nor any preaching they were gathered into other folds and still remain without. Our Sabbath School though a "union" Sunday School is officered and taught by Presbyterians, there being none to take hold of Sunday School work in the village except Presbyterians. Cannot some plan be devised at the meeting of Presbytery to do something for this place?

A.T.Blachly.

Missoula. April 15, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

A Presbyterian Church with 10 members was organized here April 14. The next day a paper was passed around to get a salary for the minister and over $350.00 per year has been subscribed. An explanation is due you in this matter. It came to the ears of the Presbytery that Bishop Lattle expected to come to Montana in June and settle a minister here. As there was no minister here at the time and the field properly belonged to us because there are more Presbyterians than any other Church. Presbytery ordered me to go to Missoula at my earliest convenience and organize. As organization would do no good unless we had the money subscribed we tried the people. I went around with the paper with the result first stated. Now even if the Bishop does come we have every advantage. It only remaines for us to get a man on the field as soon as possible. W.H.Niles has corresponded with Fred Kennett on the subject of coming. He says he expects to get married in July. Write to him and get him to get married befor July-Tell him he must come in June. Episcopalianism has in Montana as yet been nothing more than morality and that was not always of the highest kind. If Missoula is to be converted to Christ it will take a more religious course of sermons than any of the Montana Episcopal preachers here preach. Please make some mention of the Missoula organization in your paper, I would prefer that in the notice of it you state that it was

by "order of Presbytery" the church was organized and that you do not use my name in the connection.
We will be glad to have you come out as soon as you can make it convenient to come,

Respectfully,
J.R.Russel.

Return to Rev.S.Jackson care of Board of Home Missions.
P.O. Box 3883--New York City.

Dear Brother Niles,

In view of the necessities of the case, can you not hurry up some. Let me hear of your plans.

Sheldon Jackson.

Central, Colorado. April 22, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have been here since the 9th,. I have improved in health somewhat, but I fear this is too great an altitude for me to remain long. Think I will leave this place in good condition to call a successor.They, the officers and people, are quite enthusiastic now. Large congregations since the first service. We hope soon to see the church crowded. The trustees say they are willing to pay me enough to help pay the salary of a minister at Idaho, rather than have me interrupt the services here. I have thought of speaking to you about Deems going there for the summer. I have brought letters from the seminary faculty very strong letters, which I shall present to Presbytery. Dr. Hodge says any Presbytery will ordain me on that letter. If this Presbytery declines, I will go back to Princeton and be ordained. Since Governor Olden's death there is nothing that will necessarily interrupt my work. Hence,as soon as I am stronger I shall look for a pernament field. That is, after my ordination. I think I can find a good man for this place later in the summer. Central will support me without help from the Board, and can any good man. I would like to see you about Idaho and other matters as soon as you return. Stewart exchanges with me on May 14, and holds communion services here I have sent $50.lately to help Mc Millian by P.O.order, but have not heard of its receipt yet. I shall urge the church here to elect McShane an elder, if he will serve. There is but one elder here now. Mr. Van Dever has gone to Boulder to live.

Yours in Christ,
J.H.Egbert.

Helena, Montana Territory. May 2, 1873.

Rev. Dr. Jackson;

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 11th, ult, delayed by the snow at Pleasant Valley, is at hand. Its contents surprised me. In my letters to the Board I stated I That the friend in Ohio, not Pa, declined to come. II That Mr. Russel would not come to Helena (partly because he would not get an unanimous call and while the old members retain a strong affection for him and some are anxious to have him for their pastor; the general impression seems to be that he would not hold the congregation because of an uninteresting delivery, his sermons are as a rule excellent.) III That I announced to my people that this year, closing August 13, would end my work in Montana and further that I wished to leave not later than July 1st,. III 1/2 That the Helena Church look to the Board to supply them with a minister. iv As to the places certainly open, I supposed that the Board knew that we had organized churches in Missoula and Bozeman and hence these places were certainly open. Missoula is a town of 250 persons has had no regular preaching for one year and is the county seat of a large and fertile agricultural country. Further, that Bozeman for sometime past and Missoula also have been promised a minister and the people have been anxiously expecting one. V Madison county with Va. City the late capital as its county seat contains a population of from 3000 to4000 persons. It has in all 4 protestant ministers at work-- 3 Methodist and one Episcopalian, The latter stays at Va. City only and is useful in ministering to and perverting the Presbyterians and is I think an excellent young man. Two of the M.E. ministers are live men and are working hard: the third of the M.E. church South is a fine christian gentleman but not apt to teach. Practically then for the entire congregation and also Beaverhead there are but two ministers--It would appear that that district were certainly open atleast strongly probable. To work Montana properly would require for us 4 more men, one for Bozeman, one for Missoula and one for Va.City and its county and one for Sun River and St. Benton. The last, Sun River is settling up with substantial stockmen and their famlies and St. Benton is a small town and utterly without religious privileges--at Benton are 2 companies of United States soldiers. and at Ft. Shaw in the Sun River Valley several companies. In the order of importance leaving out

Helena (by far the largest and most important -the capital of the Ter'y in Aruth and the Ter'y of Montana) in the order of importance 1 Bozeman 2 Missoula, both certainly open (and Missoula the most destitute) 3 Va City and its county, almost certainly open. 5 Sun River certainly open and anxious for a minister but not as important as the other points mentioned, because of its scattered population and its distance from the other settlements. A good itinerant could do excellent work there. If you take St's Shaw and Benton into account then certainly very important for there is no chaplain and no religious services of any sort at these points. As to my self I am very anxious to leave by the First of July and my people expect me to go and this is my purpose but I will wait until the new minister comes, for the Helena church expects the Board to supply it with a minister and so I wrote. I hope great care will be given to his selection as the right man will do great good here--and Helena is Montana. My health is improving somewhat and sooner than Bozeman or Missoula should be with out a minister from lack of men-- if absolutely necessary I would remain another year. I make this statement with great reluctance for I have determined to go, but Missoula and Bozeman will be lost to our church if they do not receive a minister this year and we as a church will have shown ourselves incapable of keeping our pledges. What is the situation? Bozeman and Missoula must be supplied any how--a man must be obtained for Helena, if possible. Does the Board understand that I am anxious and determined to go? But not at too great a cost to our church, if my health will permit. I am working only in a half way fashion and with no vigor and little heart in my work.

Hoping that you may be guided in the selection of the right men. I remain,

Very truly yours,

W.C.Rommel.

P.S. Please answer promply. The men of the M.E.Church as a rule in this territory are above the average as preachers and workers and such are the men we need.

Boulder Colorado. May 5, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother,

Have just seen a man who came in on the evening train, who says he thought he saw you on the D.P.R.R.

going to Denver to day. Did not know you had returned from New Mexico. Come up tomorrow (6th.) and preach for me on 7th. if you possibly can.- It is the opening service of our new house- not a dedication, because the building is not finished- but a most delightful day to us. We can not rejoice more at its completion than we do now to get into a place of our own- All the churches meet with us in the morning service. Several additions, some baptisms -communion &c.
Come if is not asking too much after your hard trip-.

Fraternally and in haste,
.E. Anderson.

Pueblo, Colorado,

Home . May 6, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Should I not get up to Presbytery it is the desire here that you should make the matter of this church your individual interest at and before the Presbytery. Formal applications for $1000 aid have twice been sent on through Committee of Presbytery. The case has not been before the Presbytery. The Board would have granted the full amount doubtless had the Presbytery endorsed fully the application. This point has more than an ordinary claim for aid. Our membership is made up of women with a few invalid adventurers of but little means. Yet this is the controlling center of all Southern Colorado. I am exceedingly sorry our secretaries have not a correct knowledge od this point, About $400 is all that can be raised among the members--and about that much from out siders. 1800 is the least a family can live on here. I am paying $480 for a house furnished have not had chance to bring on my goods yet though packed for three months. Can not do it until I know certainly a support is guarenteed.

Yours, M. Monfort.

Laramie, Wyoming Territory. May 10, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I received your letter, postal the day after you passed through. I was quite anxious to see you and hoped to be with you at Presbytery but could not because of the meeting taking place so early in the week. I am glad to say that those things which we deplored when last I saw you are turning out to the furtherance of our church here. I think

our church is decidedly on the advance. It has more than recovered from the shock of the past winter. Our Ladies are moving in the matter of a parsonage and say they are determined to have one before winter. I could build one, if I were going to leave without,any difficulty.I think but I do not like to move in a matter which has the appearance of a personal advantage. I have some hope the Lord will open the way for my going East before the summer closes.

Yours in the faith,
W.E.Hamilton.

No. 20 Washington Square.New York,
May 11, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir,

Allow me to express the hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you before you take your departure for home, as I have something quite special that I wish to confer with you about. If it would not accord with your convenience to call here again, you can give me your address in Broshp and I will wait upon you at any time you may please to appoint, I am dear Sir,

Very respectfully,
James Lorimer Graham.

Central, Colorado. Monday May 5,1873

Dear Brother,

Brother Stewart has been with me since Friday. He and I both think that W.L.Ledwith, licensiate of Presbytery of Alleghany, can safely come here for the summer, All he asks is enough to cover expenses. He will graduate next April. Is one of the kind we need to interest in Home Missions. A letter from him Saturday says he will come. Stewart suggested that he supply Boulder until Fall--or if Stewart leave Golden let him go there. What think you of it? If you judge it worth while to have him here until Fall, and get him interested-his expenses would be lighter by any reduction in rail-road fares. His address is --Brownsville Penna. We had 3 additions by letter yesterday morning.

Yours in Christ,
J.P.Egbert.

Hannibal M. May 24, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.

Dear Brother:

Yours just received. I think Mother's health too feeble at present to justify my putting myself so far out of her reach as Helena. I am very anxious about her indeed and look forward with no little solicitude to the result of her removal to Colorado.

I am not prepared to say at present what I should do if a call should come from Golden.I can say this that there are some things to attract me there very strongly and that if the Lord should show me that Golden was to be my future home, I could be very happy in laboring for him there.

I have come ao n here on invitation to supply Brother Spinings church for a time. They want me to stay until Fall, with the privilege of withdrawing whenever I get a call. Hope you are having good times- With much love,

Your friend

J.G.Lowrie.

Address here care J.T.Holmes.

Geneva. May 25, 1876.

Your card received. Concluae you could not get a half fare over U.P.R.R. for me. All have failed me in going to Fairplay and now I have no prospect of anyone. It is too bad The church will lose so much and much of that which was hard gained will come to naught, it would seem. And very likely the Episcopalians of Als. will take advantagee of it to our detrimert. Can't you or Dr. Kendall find someone? I pray you may. Have just returned from centennal and next Monday start for Colorado. Hope to see you real soon. Wife joines me in love to yourself and family.

D.E.Winks.

Washington,D C. May 27, 1876.

I take great pleasure in commending to the favor and confidence of all who may see this the Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. of Denver Colorado. The General Superentendant of

Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the West. Any courtesy shown him will be worthily bestowed and hightly appreciated.

Very respectfully,
J. L. French.
Acting Second Assistant P. M. General.

Washington D. C. May 27, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Do not think I have forgotten you or your work. I have been interested in all that I have seen relative to your mission work in the great West, Your letter from Las Vejas New Mexico was duly received and I was glad that I was able to help you somewhat in prosecuting your work. Regarding the other passes to Helena, Deer Lodge, Missoula, St. George &c. of which you wrote me I have this to say. I have delayed seeking for them until now, for the reason that I have been for two months expecting every day that Mr. Salisbury would be here as has been his custom this time of year. I know him well and have waited so as to make a personal application to him. But he has not been here since you wrote me. To day I have written him at Salt Lake commending to him in the strongest manner possible you and work, and asking him as a personal favor to send you the passes you desire. I think he will send them if he is at home and gets my letter. I am sorry I delayed so long as I know you wished the passes about the first of June. Still I hope you may get them before it is too late. Many thanks for your paper which I now receive regularly.

My wife joins me in kind regards, and in the hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you when you come to the Centennial. If in your travels you should be able to pick up some choice little specimens for my cabinet, such as would not be too bulky or costly to send. I shall be glad to receive them and pay all expenses of sending them.

I enclose a letter which you may be able to use in case the passes do not come.

Your Brother in Christ.
J. L. French.

Newark, New Jersey. May 27, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
No. 124 Pierpont Street.
Brooklyn L. I.

Sir,

Enclosed find certified check No. 929 on Merchant's National Bank of this city for three hundred dollars to be applied as follows. Two hundred dollars special Centennal for the church building of Rev. George N. Smith. Miss Greenwood would like you to have a receipt sent from the Board to our Church from a friend so as the members that have contributed their mite will know that it has been put to a proper use and for the object it was asked for. Rev. C. T. Haley is very much pleased to know such a place is open for this money, infact I as well as wife and Mrs. Greenwood are happy to know the amount is to be used in this way and pray this will be the means of making many a heart happy and that it will prove an encouragement to the Pastor, Rev. G. N. Smith and lighten your burdens in this direction. Please have receipt of same sent to Thos. V. Johnson Jr. Treasury Board of Session Roseville Presbyterian Church, from the Board. Trusting your labors as well as the Pastor and the people will be crowned with success are the prayers of,

Yours in Christ,
Henry V. D. Schenck for
Miss. A. J. Greenwood.

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232 Madison avenue, New York. June 1, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir,

Absence from home has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of 23rd., and I now enclose my check to your order for $42. as you requested. Your powers of enfurance must have been heavely tried by the long stage joyrney you made but I am thankful that you succeeded in sowing so much good seed, which, I doubt not under God will produce fruit to Everlasting Life. I wish for continual success in all your missionary work. And remain

Sincerely yours,
Hauson K. Corning.

Helena, Montana. June 2, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

The failure to receive any news from the Board in regard to the new labores, who they are, and when they will come and where, is provoking and discouraging. Our churches in Missoula and Bozeman are anxious for a minister and Bishop Luttle with an eye to the excellent material in the Presbyterian church has gathered this material in Virginia City; is doing the same in Bozeman and is announced for the West side by June 10th? with a minister for mission work. Rev. Dickey of Bozeman re cently opened a new church building there with appropriate services. It is useless to cry over spilled milk, it is worse than folly to spill more or to leave it as if of no value to be used by others.
In addition to the presence of the Episcopal Bishop the M.E. church will hacd its annual conference in Helena this year, presided over by one of its Bishops thereby, stimulating our Methodist friends quite effectually. I intended to answer your letter of inquiry concerning the Geysers at once but desired to obtain more information. The best time to visit the National Park is from middle of August or say the first of August to the middle of September. The best route for non residents is by way of Bozeman to Mammoth Hot Springs, where a guide and horses and camp outfit are furnished at very reasonable rates. The parties furnishing their own grub and bedding. The round trip can be made in two weeks from Bozeman but this is rapid travelling, especially when one observes the Sabbath. My trip last summer occupied just 29 days, 16 of these were occupied in going to and returning from the park. As we all observed the Sabbath and lost one day by running away of the horses and stopped a day at Brother Crittendon's. This course was from Helena which is 100 miles from Bozeman and 170 from the nearest point to the National Park by way of the Mammoth Hot Springs on Gardiners river. We averaged about 30 miles a day with saddle and pack horses for most of the trip. A guide is not necessary save as a packer and helper and also insures no loss of time in hunting for trails. Some of them are first class men and their charges are quite moderate. If I remember, the guide furnishes his own horse and charges $300 per day for his services and furnishes saddle and pack and meals with accouterments at $100 a day per head. Ofcourse the party must furnish provisions and their own bedding and I presume a tent a wagon covering is readily borrowed and makes a very

good tent. My expences for the trip were $3200 but I had my saddle horse and sold my p ck annimal for $500 less than I paid and we guided ourselves and did our own cooking. Hoping to hear something definite and that my successor will reach Helena by July 1st,. I remain with kind regards,

Very truly yours,
W. C. Rommel.

Salt Lake City, Utah. June 5, 1876.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

I have just concluded a two weeks business trip to Ogden and while there have become possessed of considerable informayion which is I think of great interest to our church. I find that during the past six or eight months quite a number of families have moved in among whom there are several Presbyterians families, all of whom,together with quite a large number of persons not connected with any church are quite anxious to have a good man, to come among them and labor and who are willing to contribute liberally for the support of such a man.

Last Fall when Bishop Haven was en-route for this city a party of gentlemen called on him at Ogden and pledged them selves to raise $600 for the support of a minister if he would send them a man who would be a thorough earnest worker and good preacher. A man was sent who is held in contempt by almost the entire community. I do not think it is the fault of the people as I have been told by the members of our church as well as by those who are not members of any church that they will not go to hear him, because by his course he does not command either their confidence or respect. I presume you have heard something of the history of Mr. Long who was sent here and remained two years. As unacceptable as he was, the people would now prefer him to the man who is now here. In a conversation with Dr. Condon a few days ago, he told me that he thought there would be no difficulty in raising $600 for a man who would come among them and labor in the interest of his Master and not dobble in politics, trade or other mercenary matters and so bring contempt on his calling. I look on Ogden as decidialy the most promising fruit in Utah and if our church will, all she will have to do will be to"go up and possess the land". I found there four ladies who told me that they were members of the Presbyterian church and others who have been and would doubtless soon be

brought in if we had a church there. I suggest that if you can do so you visit the place and investigate for yourself and if you will do so and will write me when you will be there I will meet you there and give you all of the information and aid in my power. Should you determine to do so, please let me know several days in advance as otherwise I might not get your letter being generally away from home all the week and only at home on Sundays. The names of the ladies are Mrs. Dr. Condon, Mrs. Sharp wife of the P.M. Mrs. Dr. Rawlins, whose husband is an elder and will move to Ogden this Fall or winter and Mrs. Moore. There are also several others who would soon be brought in if an acceptable man was sent. They do not want a scrub but an earnest thorough worker. And to succeed such a man is necessary to dissipate or overcome the injury done by others. I will be glad to hear from you on the subject.

Very truly yours,
G. M. Anderson.

"Normal School."
Shippenburg, Pa. June 6, 1876.

Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir,

Though late with last years contribution will you help the "Home Mission Class" of 2nd, Church, Carlisle to distribute their fund wisely and judiciously? The reason of our tardiness is owing to the difficulty we have had in procuring Dr.Collell to lecture for us. All winter we have had his promuse and been depending upon him and the "feat" not accomplished last Friday evening. In a few days we shall have ready seventy some dollars which we wish to place at your disposal for the benefit of Home Missions. I believe the boys would rather scatter their aid than concentrate it. If their contribution was larger it would be well to devote it to one Missionary every year-- but as it is I think they will vote it in some other direction if you have any other object to propose as worthy and needyas the church at Fairplay. Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient Address Carlisle as I am home every Saturday. With compliments of class. Yours truly,

E. C. Smead.

Fairplay, Colorado. May 30, 1876.

Brother Fink:

No answer has reached me yet to my last letter to yourself but as I have a few words to say, I will send a note by Adela. First, Mrs. Chappel desires me to ask you if you have made out the certificate of membership in the bible soceity for my boy and if not to ask you if you would do so and send to Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. His name is Harmon Chester Chappel. And further, I desire to ask you to see Mr. Jackson and let me know what his plan is regarding a minister for Fairplay. Mr. Roby does not fill the requirements of this place and Alma and many are urging us to have a minister sent to our church if it is possible to get one. If there is no one coming or likely to come under our own jurisdiction, there is a way to supply this place and I think it best to accept it and so do all those with whom I have conferred about it. It is thus: The Episcopal Bishop of Colorado wrote Mr. Paul(some weeks ago) that a good man(of their church) was willing to come here and would do so providing we here would help to support him. He would receive 300 dollars a year from the funs of the Episcopal Church and his wife would teach school if she could get a situation and also music and they asked if we thought he would meet with sufficient encouragement &c &c. Now, if no Presbyterian Minister can be found to come here, I think it better to have some other rather than let the house stand empty from month to month and the school frittered away and all the good accomplished by your own and your good wife's efforts lost or atleast jeopardized. I am doing as well as I can in Sunday School and our attendance on Sunday last, was 52 yet I am conscious of being deficient in those qualifications that make a Sabbath School man and besides in this community I am not as likely to succeed in such work as some others might. Hence the necessity for some head to this work and a minister be he of what church hoever, is really needed here. If the Methodists would send a man of any sense or judgment, I would not say a word at present about another, but they will or cannot do so and as long as we have no one in our Church, is it not best to get the Episcopalian? Please see Mr. Jackson and tell him what I've written and also that this community almost entirely endorse my views and ask him to let us know his opinions and intentions.

With the highest esteem for yourself and Mrs. Finks I remain

Respectfully,

R. B. Chappel.

Fort Collins. June 7, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Arrived here safely June 5. Stayed over Sunday with Rev. Mr. Thompson of Credley. All agreeable-Don't know much about this place yet though I have met quite a number of very pleasant people. Shall see Mr. Buss this P.M.and shall know more definitely the lay of the land. Have secured a good brick house just adapted to us so we can have a pleasant home when we get settled. Mr. Chappel wrote me this letter enclosed and I send it that you may see how necessary it is that Fairplay church be occupied without any doubt. If it is not we will lose about all that has been so hard earned and turn it over to Episcopals for I dont think but what the people are right in desireing someone regardless of denomination. Can't some man be induced? Would it not in this extremity be justifiable and best for the Board to ever bear a man's expenses there in part at least if it be necessary rather than lose all? I am now shut off absolutely from obtaining anyone unless some one refers to me and shall therefore leave it to you. Hope it will appear to you as it does to me, the great necessity of occupying the field. It is really painful to me to think of their condition. How much more I would liked to have gone there myself and how much easier it would have been to have taken hold of but the Lord has ruled otherwise. All right I am content here if someone will go there. Tell me the prospects.

Your Brother in Christ,
D. E. Finks.

Colorado Springs, Colorado.
June 13, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I cannot under existing circumstances go regularly to Monument or Fountain. The Cumberlands are unable to support a minister, the Cong's "ditto". Professor Daugherty has with drawn from the Coll. scheme and from the territory. If it were not for the local, retired preachers that is, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Brystol, they would not even continue their organization. One of their leading men and best supporters said so to me only a few weeks ago. The Episcopals have no rector, can not support one. Our audiences are good

both morning and night. If we close our house at night it drives our audience to the Baptistor M. E. Church. I have had no opportunity to go to Fairplay. Would cost about $20.00 and nearly a weeks time. We ought to have a minister on the line of the Rio Grand Rail Road. The M. E. church is picking up many of our people all through the agricultural regions and making them pay tribute to their organization. Business is very dull here, but I am not in the least discouraged

Yours as always,

Henry B. Gage.

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50 East 53rd, Street. New York City.
June 13, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir,

The letter forwarded to me from Mrs. Annin is duly received. I have conferred with Mrs. Graham on the who tells me she has lately written you a letter explaining matters to you. Three hundred dollars is a pretty large sum to be raised by the members of my class, some of whom are making their own way in the world.-I would gladly do more for Miss Annin if I could but it is quite out of my power. It requires considerable pushing on my part to raise the sum which we send regularly. A friend of mine, Mrs. Jesup and her son started for the West last week and were to pass through Denver; to her I gave a dollar that she might subscrib for me to the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I must do what I can to acquaint myself withthe Home Mission field, having accepted the position of secretary for the Ladies Board of this city. I have not however sufficient leisure or strength to undertake very much. I was disappointed that I could not meet you when you were in New York.

The Lord bless and prosper you in your very important work.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Riesch.

Osage City, Kansas. June 14, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson,

My long trip through Texas is over and I have been here 2 or 3 weeks. My knee detained me longer than I expected. I wrote you at San Diego and San Francisco that I would not meet you, I heard from Brother Smith after you left

asking me again to come to Santa Fe. The word I had heard from here rather precluded my stop at Santa Fe long enough to do any good. Then moving the pass through Texas I was able to get on here cheaper and so could throw in two months time without pay from the Board. It seems Mr. Kendall telegraphed Brother Smith that I should stop at San Francisco awhile but I never got the word. I am sorry I did not; for as it looks to me now I ought to have gone to Santa Fe---- for two months or so --if no longer. I was feeling badly at the time I started could scarcely walk and felt myself rather useless anywhere. I stopped awhile on the way at different points, and was somewhat better and able to do something when I got here. Still perhaps I could have been of use at Santa Fe and I greatly regret my not going that way, especially if I could have been of any use in the lame condition in which I then was. How I wish I could see you and talk over our trip. Do you go East in July? I expect to go and see Mother then and would like to meet you. Will you be in Washington and when? My knee hurt was much worse than I expected and gave me considerable trouble. I can walk only tolerable well now but hope to move a sound knee eventually. That long ride I took immediately after hurting it increased the inflamination and made it twice as bad as it would otherwise have been.

Please send me "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". Matters are both encouraging and discouraging here. There is a work here for me to do but I have thought that perhaps I have taken too much pains in order to do it, that is, leaving Sil. City and coming so far. The case as it appeared to me when I decided to come, would justify such a move; but the necessity of my being here above every one else, as being the only one who could fix up matters and help the church to a new start was greatly exaggreated or considerablly so. I think they asked most too much of me and ought not to have urged it so forcibly as they did. I was very sorry to leave Sil. City especially after the prospect at Tueson opened. A letter from Clum. spoke encouragingly of things there. If no one else appears and I can get things fixed up here if God openes the way, I may offer myself to go back there to Sil. City or Tueson or both. I am greatly interested down there and am surprised to see how much I am attached to that country. My preference would be to remain there decidedly and I was sorry to come away. If I could get down there I would consider this as a sort of prolonged vacation and insist on paying my own way back. Perhaps I have been over anxious for these churches and people here. Considering the obligations

I was under to thise who had given so freely towards these church buildings and in view of the situation as represented to me, I felt I must come. I hope it will all work out for the bestand in the end prove the right thing for me to have done. I find my thoughts wandering down to Sil. City quite often and I find I have formed a love for that rough frontier work which is very strong. I am already and expect to be home sick for New Mexico. It is wonderful how our ideas and likings change as we continue a residence in a country which at first seems so repulsive. I hope to meet you East. Let me hear from you, and if the Lord in the future opens the way for me to join you in your work I shall be very glad. I was sorry to have to leave New Mexico and Sil.City without some visible results in the way of church buildings or something. I made only a small beginning and I think the way for more to be done will be open shortly. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children. I agree with you that I must not stay long in this climate, I hope I shall not have to but can do what I have to do-and be free to go elsewhere if God shall direct.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

Denver Colorado. June 14, 1876.

Dear Brother,

Central is supplied to September 1st,. Ledwith is here and succeeding admirable. The Methodists are giving Deems a little trouble at Idabo about their occupancy of our building. I wrote a letter to our trustees about the matter, and if I do not hear tomorrow that the matter is finally setteled, I will go up there next week and see the thing through. I preached in 17th, Street Sunday I had to leave Central. Am improving here and shall remain most of my time until our Sunday School convention is over. We hold it July 19, 20, and 21. Can you bring us any help? I wrote to Tyler to know what he could do, but have received no reply. If it was possible with my present funds, I would visit a number of the Sunday Schools in this territory and stir them and the churches up. We are trying to arouse Denver. I will visit as many of the schools here next Sunday as I can. I have written to 11 of our ministers. It is to be a Presbyterian convenyion.

Please remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christ,
J. P. Egbert.

I will write to Stewart about Leavens.

Laramie Wyd. Territory.
June 16, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I was quite disappointed in not reaching Presbytry but the running of the cars or rather the connections were so inopportune that I was compelled to forego the priviledge. We are suffering, just now, from the small pox. I mean the town which has greatly embarressed business and brought a gloom upon the place which hinders almost every interest, coming as it does after the terrible disaster of the past winter. We feel the stringency of the times very severely just now. The church is poorly able to fulfill her part of the contract and their taking up the notion of building the parsonage absorbes all evtra efforts for the support of the Pastor. The consequence is we are barely able to procure the necessaries of life, our income from the church and the board not being equal to $88 per month, and so far as the church is concerned the amounts are small and uncertain though I believe they are up to the full standard of ability. The fact is there is no wealth here and the wages are low of thise who support the church, while the multitude are indifferent to the claims of religion. But with all the discourgements I feel much interested in the field now , and not at all disposed to give it up at present nor without a clear indication od divine Providence. Still I feel that the Board should do more for it, for I cannot see anyway for its becoming self sustaining without new and unlooked for resources. If it is at all possible to visit my friends in the East, by the Fall or last summer month I shall do so, and then I will try to raise up friends for this field. I have had the hospitalities of a friend offered me in Philadelphia for a visit to the Centennial, but my maine object in visiting the East would be altogether relating to my field of labor,

Accept kind regards from my self and family to you and yours.

Yours in the Gospel.
W. E. Hamilton.

Ft. Collins, Colorado. June 17,1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Galesburg, Illinois .

Dear Brother,

Your letter received yesterday. Stage leaves

Greely on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 1/2 A. M. returns on alternate days. Hope to see you soon. Write when. We succeeded in getting a very good house and so shall have a pleasant home. Preach first next Sabbath evening here but in the Bues district 3P. M. Hope you have before this received my letter and Chapprl's and can do something for F.
With kind regards to all in which wife and baby join, I am

Your Brother in Christ,
D. E. Finks.

You had better visit F. so as to hold service on Sunday if you can for they have'nt had any in a long time.

Buckett's Hall. Lake City, Colorado.
June 18, 1876.

1st, Presbyterian Church -----Lake City.

History.

Under authority of the Presbytery of Colorado--- Rev. A. M. Darley of Del Norte, Colorado, visited Lake City on Thursday June 15, 1876. On the afternoon of that day and on the two days following he visited every house in the city and in the 6 miles below the city and the 6 miles above, and secured 10 names to a petition to the Presbytery for the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Lake City. After sermon on Sabbath June 18th, at 11 A. M., five more presented themselves for membership-. he names of these fifteen Charter Members are as follows:-

C. H. Sweetser of the Congregational Church. Denver Colo..
Mrs. Sarah E. Taft of the Presbyterian Church Fort Scott. Ks
Mrs. Agnes P. Gormor of the Presbyterian Church (17st St.) Denver Colorado.
Mrs. R. W. Jordan of the Episcopal Church Canon City.
Mrs. J. M. Dennis of the M. E. Church Lawrence St. Denver.
Mrs. Elizer Nye of the Cong. Church(once Presbyterian) Geneseo Ill.
Mrs Emma Hughes of the Baptist Church.
David Anderson of the Scotch Presbyterian Church Chicago Ill.
Mrs. Sarah J. Bartolf of the M. E. church (once Presbyterian) Denver.
Mrs Margaret L. Wood of the Cong. Church (once Presbyterian) Cottonwood Falls Ks.
Washington L. Brasler of the Episcopal Church Norbome M.
Shepherd G. Patrick Jr. Our faith (Presbyterian attendant)
David A. Mc Donnell of the Presbyterian Church Holder Mo.
Solomon Erickson of the M. E. Church Social Circle Ga.

Allen T. Gunnell of the Christian Church Salem Co. Mo. After prayer by Rev. A. M. Darley, Stanley Haison was appointed clerk,. S. G. Patrick Jr. was then examined as to his faith in Christ and baptized and received into the church and the rest by letter. The persons then preceeded to the election of three ruling elders and three deacons. The election resulted in the choice of ---

C. H. Sweetser for three years.
David A. Mc Connell for two years. Elders.
Stephen G. Patrick Jr. for one year.
And
Allen F. Gunnell for three years.
Solomon Erickson for two years. Deacons.
Washington L. Brasler for one year.

The Church then adopted the following Constitution for the government &c of the Board of Trustees and the following Rules of Finance and Beneficence. See (Del Norte Presbytery) It also adopted the following resolutions:-

That the Trustees are authorized to proceed immeadiately to securing funds for the erection of a church and to build said edifice at a cost not to exceed amount of funds secured.

The Commissioners of Presbytery then announced the ordination and installation of the officers elected at the evening service.

At eight P. M. after the opening exercises the above officers were duly ordained and installed.

The services of the day were numerously attended 100 and 150 being present and much interest manifested in the organization of the church and erection of a house of worship. This congregation being the first of any name in Lake City and the prospective church building, the first also. At the morning service Anna Silverton Taft, born July 29, 1876, the first babe born in Silverton Colorado, was presented by its mother--Sarah E. Taft, and baptized. The first baptism in Lake City Colorado. Rev. A. M. Darley administering the rite.

At the evening service the first church collection in Lake City was taken up (for contingent expenses of the day- and $8.50 received enough to pay the expenses of the day, and to secure a Sesional and Church record which was ordered purchased.

Stanley Larson.
Clerk.

Alex. M. Darley.
Moderator.

And Sesion adopted Constitution for Bible Class- as recorded in endosed Presbyter-- changing names. &c.

Helena Montana. June 19, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

The good news of the coming of yourself and Dr. Roberts and perhaps other brethren to Montana was gladly received. The depressing news of non success in the obtaining of laborers for this territory had its appropriate effect. I greatly doubt whether I am called upon to make the sacrifice indicated nor do I think if the Board had been alive to the situation it would doubt the propriety of sending laborers here. Bishop Tuttle who visits this territory annually has already four ministers and is actively searching for the right man for Missoula. He has already called six different laborers and proposes to keep at it until he gets the right man. My family at home is very keenly disappointed at the prospect and my own plans knocked in the head, if indeed I conclude to submit as I feel quite rebellious at present. I see if the Board has the smallest sort of knot hole it will slip through and leave a fellow in the lurch. Missoula should be supplied at all hazards. I feel that our people in Bozeman will naturally fall in the hands of Bishop Tuttle. Niles of Newburn gave Mr. Russel the impression that he would certainly go to Missoula and I think should be held to it ofcourse there may be some mistake about it. Bishop Tuttle shows considerable fidelity and activity in his work here as see his appointments.

As to the Yellowstone trip you should each one have a heavy blanket and a suit of clothing for roughing it. It is likely that further bedding can be borrowed in Bozeman and the personal needs such as towels &c and an extra change of clothing will readily occur to you. The fewer the "traps" the better. I have already written to Hopkins Taylor on the subject. The provisions can be procured at Bozeman readily. The blanket will not be useless in coach travelling as the nights are often cold. Bozeman is I think the best starting point and it may be more convenient to return there instead of going to Virginia because of the distance; this you can best determine at Bozeman. The guide will furnish saddle and pack animals at a moderate price. The round trip from Bozeman need not occupy more than from 15 to 20 days.

Increased salaries are necessary for this field. A visit to the different camps of the Terry'ysimilar to that of Bishop Luttle by yourself would be very beneficial and you would have excellent opportunities of doing good in the preaching of the word.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson, I remain
Very truly yours,
W. C. Rommel.
P. S. Our people would not be united on Brother Russel as their pastor.

Oakland, June 20, 1876.
Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Dear Brother,
Yours of the 8th instant was received here in my absence, I am glad the board has complied with your recommendation, will aid our young brother to the Larkin St. Arrangements are contemplated for his ordination on his arrival here. I know of no one for Tueson. Will do all I can and write if sussessful. You do the same. Poage will give up Larkin St. first of next month. We are all well, work prospering. W. M. is over popular in G. A. Burdal writes, "the word is forward".
Yours most truly
Thomas Fraser.

Trinidad Colorado. June 23, 1876.
Dear Brother,
I do not know where you are but venture to address Denver I wish you could come down. I am trying to do something at El Moro, the new town. Things are unsettled here. Bonds to the K. P. are voted and an injunction issued against the commissioners issuing them. But it is said .. K. P. are willing to go ahead assured that the courts will not sustain the injunction. But it makes matters unsettled, the new town grows slowly but constantly . The K. P. folks were here this week and have just gone, they say to let contracts for this grading &c. I preach semi monthly at El Moro on alternate Sabbath with a Baptist minister (local preacher). He is agitating the building question at El Moro. Don't know as they can do anything. They are not moving as yet. There are almost no church members at El Moro we have from ten to fifteen audience. I wish you could come and look over the field. I do not feel like pledging any money from the "Board Church Erection" in the unsettled state of affairs. It is rumored that the narrow guage contemplates building the Trinidad before the K. P. Now as to Trinidad the Episcopal

Bishop will be here next month (July) and I think he will encourage a church organization and building. I suspect he has inducements in the line of money for an edefice. Our Church does not feel that we can move toward building. Dull times wool only 12 or 15 cents against 20 or 25 last year. What are the churches North doing? Please let me know. Is Boulder supplied? I am not at all certain that I can stay here. There is an element of discontent here (as I told you) Almost no one can stand by the preacher. I think we will probably reach the crisis soon. I am not going to run away for the sake of an easier time or to avoid trouble or hard work. But there is an under current at work here and I can not tell where it will end or who it involves. There is to be a congregational meeting and I should not be surprised at any thing. They may utterly unsettle every thing. If this church was smaller I could over ride them as it is I hold on with grit. If I have to leave here, is there work for me in the territory? I feel that the good of the church demands my staying here if possible. But you know something of this "even" and grumblers are incorrigible. As I look over the past I feel that I have done the best that I could. I wish you could come down. If the Board deducts the 200 from the 800 pledged I will not come out even at the end of the year. I mean the 200 from Sabbath Schools.

Brother John S. Gage.

Church News.

Frankfort, Ohio. June 24, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother,

I have atlength decided to go to Tueson and have my commission. Will be at home soon after the 1# prox. Go by Salt Lake and San Francisco. Please say nothing about this in Colorado until my arrival.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. Anderson.

Del Norte, Colorado, June 27, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I send you a "Silver World" marked to day and tell you of my first effort alone as a Com. of Presbytery or a Subt. of missions in organizing a church. I wrote the article my

self, so its "a' there " that the public need know. I have something for your paternal ear, that you may see whether you can claim me as a worthy pupil of yourself whose footsteps I follow in many things and whose spirit of work I often desire to emulate. If all the "World's" article is best published, I hope I may see it in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". Though I have gathered about 10 churches, this is my first independant effort at organization. I had no definate purpose in going except to organize, if possible, and show myself watchful of our interests, since the Presbytery had authorized me to organize &c I trembled for my success a little. I thought Perkins might head me off, as Brother Sweetser was anxious for a Congregational Church ofcourse, and we had spent $1000 on this field last year, and I was only detained from entrance there then, because of my horses lameness. I wanted Lake anyhow, because having it and P/S. Tell Brother Blis. to write to Brother S. G. Patrick Jr. at Lake who used to attend his church. I sent Blis a "World" I will write you this week again, may be about Colputage in Colorado.

George M. Darley.

Hamilton, Montana. June 27, 1873.

Dear brother Jackson,

To day Brother J. H. Taylor writes to me saying "I received a letter from Mr. Rommel last week saying that "Mr Jackson Rev. Dr. Roberts and others were expected to be in Bozeman about the 30 of July, on their way to Geyser Land. There will be no trouble in securing the church (Methodist) for that occasion and I will attend to it in season." I am glad to expect you and some of our ministers to visit us. I hope the Lord has a man prepared for Bozeman, and that he will be of your company. The opening for a man from our family of christians has never been more apparent in my judgment than just now. Bishop Luttle will be in Bozeman in August and humanly speaking it will be better for the success and onward impulse of our congregation to have a man in the place when he comes this year. If you could make some appointment before hand we could prepare the way. And get up congregations for Bishop Jackson or Roberts, as well as for Bishop Tuttle. We shall hope to be cheered by a call from you and other Brethren. The stage coach from Helena to Bozeman passes us every day. Our Sabbath term closes the 30th Inst. My wife and daughter send you kind regards and hope to

see you.

Yours in Gospel bonus,
L. B. Crittenden.

Collms, Colorado. June 29, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

If I knew when you would be here I would make arrangements to have communion service then and ordination of elders. Can you be here the third Sunday in July? You can come up here Friday and Monday go to Cheyeom on that stage. Would like to have you here very much then. Write me immediately if you can come. When you go to Fairplay look out for the great promises and fair prospect of R. B. Chappel He claims to have met with a change of late for the better. Hope he has. But still he has been so accoustomed to broad statements that I caution you.

D. E. Finks.

Missoula M. T. June 29, 1876.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Your favor 8th inst. at hand. Mr. Niles writes me that he has decided to follow his third classmates to Texas so that we are without any information as to who will be sent to Missoula but trust someone will come with yourself and the members of the board referred to.

We have already succeeded in getting about 350 pledged to the support of a minister and this forestalles the action of Bishop Luttle of the Episcopal church who is now here. He has decided to await the action of our church but if we get no pastor this summer will without doubt send a man here in the Fall. I need not further press the matter as I am sure you have been and will continue to be active in securing a fit man for us and shall be glad to see you at the time of your arrival.

Very truly and respectfully your Brother,
Fer Kennett.

Evanston, Wyoming Territory. June 30, 1876

Dear Brother Jackson,

One week ago last Sabbath I spent in Salt Lake

City very pleasantly. I do trust Brother Welch will soon be restored to that people. On my return I spent the day at Ogden looking after the interests of our beloved church I think there is some good ground for encouragement. Saw the M. E. minister with whom I am well acquainted and he said he would be glad to have me occupy his pulpit every other Sabbath while he had gone to conference; as Mr. Earll permits me to ride over his division free I was very glad to accept, but only think! Mr. Woirsau has written me that he has made other arrangements and his pulpit will be occupied every Sabbath. I am very sorry but as you are coming so soon and will spend a Sabbath in Ogden, I will let the matter rest until I see you. D. V. I will meet you at the depot on the 21st,. of July.

In haste. Yours in Christian love,

L. L. Arnold.

P. S. I think the Episcopal people are affraid of the influence of our church should we commence, but how strange. I do think it would be a great helping even to them.

Yours,

L.L.A.

Longmont Colo. June 30, 1873.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Your card addressed me from Chittenangs is received. Am arranging for the historical discourse in two weeks from next Sabbath. Will comply with your instructions in regard to it. It is now a conclusion that this is our last year in serving the chirch at Longmont. Will announce my resignation next Sabbath. Presume that Valmont and some of the mountain towns will be my field the next year should it meet with your approval. It is quite desirable that you arrange soon to make a visit to Longmont. If you be now in Denver perhaps you can come for next Sabbath. Owing to the unsettled state of things in these churches, we are about to secure ourselves in a more settled home. Age is coming, the years are rolling and we need more protection against a cold world. Do not know whether you will commend or disapprove. Duty seemed to press and so I went forward. The consciousness that Valmont and Longmont have both grown equal to any churches in all the territory, is my joy but only in the fact that God has used me as the instrumentality, for the cause is all in Him, and his is all the glory. Blessed be his holy name. My intention now is, if the Lord will, to preach another

year and then have a year of rest. A vacation after hard service for years will be good and if the Lord blesses will only tend to open the way for striking heaver blows for his glory. And during the coming year I wish you to help me all you can, for the past two years have been financially hard and my fears now are that both Valmont and Longmont will be delinquent in their pledges. Am in no way prepared for any more losses. Have given fifty dollars toward the church here in the expectation that I could serve them another year. It is equal to any supscription with the exception with the exception of Buchingham's. Should not have made it. Desired very much this year to go home-- back to the old homestead. My Father and Mother both between seventy and eighty desire to see me before they go hence. But my way seemes to be hedged. Can do no more than pray the Lord and "look up". If you cannot come next Sunday arrange for two weeks from that day.

Fraternally &c.
W. P. Teitsworth.

Longmont, Colorado. June 30, 1876.

In building all the resources of the church are exhausted and now the members care more for completing than for my support. The hard work is done, the church is nearly finished. Have had all the old houses in town to preach in and now they wish me to see an illustration of their gratitude. But only so that God be glorified. To this end I am willing to be the off- scouring of all things. In planting the vineyard, there is joy that somebody will eat the fruit.

July 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

####long as it remains his. And especially so long as he desires to retain it. Should Brother Anderson leave Boulder, then ofcourse everything will be clear, that is if they want me there. It is the only field in Colorado that has any promise in it for me at present. The more I think of it the more I am convinced that I am pursued the only honorable course left open for me , in leaving the Colorado Springs when and as I did.--The trustees after three weeks deliberation told me definately that they could not comply with the Board's requirements. What else could I do? I am not altogether clear as to the conditional commissions. The March number of the Record has an article

on them which seems to favor the interpretation I made of them Either the Board is sincere in the matter or not. If they are then the Missionary/has no redress. He is obliged to give up has field unless the people comply.--If the Board is not sincere then the Missionary is made a part to a deception. He is made to tell his people that this is a requirement of the Board, made without his agency and over which he has no control. Even then he must lay himself open to the charge that was brought against me that the matter was "put up" between the Board and himself. The only way for the Board to be consistent is for it to estimate as carefully as possible what the people ought to give and if they put in their condiyion to stick to it. I will never suffer myself to be made a party to any such scheme of deception as these conditional commission clearly are, if they are not sincerely and in good faith issued. Mind, I take the ground that they are sincerely meant, and it was acting from this ground that I with drew from Colorado Springs. A word more about Boulder. I think it more than probable that Brother Anderson has heard something in regard to my succeeding him. You can tell by sounding him a little, whether he has any idea that I have been itching to step in his shoes and if he has I would be glad to have you disabuse his mind of it. You and Brother Van. are the only ones I have said anything to on the subject. I have told you just what I said to Van, and you know how careful I have been in talking with you to avoid crowding him(A.) I am only too sorry now that he can't go on with his work there.
Dr Thacker was sick in bed when Hanely wrote last week. I hope the Lord will not keep us much longer in suspense but he knows best. I suppose Brother Anderson will in any event return to Colorado Springs will he not?

Affectionately, your friend
J. G. Lowrie.

Kindest regards to your family.

New york. July 1, 1873.

Rev. Dr. S. Jackson.
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Brother,

Your favor Golesburg Ill. Mr. Bowers is just here. As to Montana, before Dr. Kendall left he and I concluded it was best to leave it as it is until Dr Roberts return. He is a member of the Board, and requested to look carefully and to give his impressions to it, when he gets back. Mr. Rommel will await his visit. I think his health will so improve as to permit

his still preaching in Helena where God has so blessed his labors. We have extended Brother Crittendem commissions for six months on a guarantee of $500 awaiting Dr. Roberts return. As far Brother Bowershiscase will be brought before the Board at its next meeting, the 25 inst. Is it wise to send a man with a family to Montana when ""circuit riding" is especially needed when a in a new country must necessarly impede that kind of service? Circuit riding is the way at present for such a state as Montana The Board needs to know somewhat of the fitness and adoptability of men before sending them to distant and expensive fields. You are welcome to publish any part of my report, with my name except chapter on money work, written by my request by Dr. Kendall from whom for it permission must be obtained. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girls. Pleasant excursion to you.

Most truly and fraternally yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

Salt Lake City. July 3, 1876.

Rev. Dr. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

Yours of the 14th, June came duly to hand. I was in Ogden last week and saw the sisters, and made an appointment for you to preach to them July 23rd,. Arrangements will be made for a hall for that occasion. Rev. F. L. Arnold expects to preach to them next Sunday the 9th, and will then announce your appointment. I was at his house in Evanston last week and told him of your intended visit.

Truly yours,
G. M. Anderson.

P. S. Latest news from Mr. Welch no improvement in his health Rev. D.J. Mc Millan is with us. Preached yesterday and will remain until other arrangements are made to supply the pulpit.

Yours,
Anderson.

Longmont, Colorado. July 3, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother,

With the advise and consent of one of my elders of the church I write you that you may be informed of the condition of our church and also of our needs. And first let me say that it is the unanimous wish of our church membership so far as I

can learn that we should have a change of pastor at the close of the second year of Mr. Teitsworth pastorate . In desiring the change I would say that personally, that is the members of the church have nothing against Mr. Teitsworth but on the contrary we believe that he has worked to the best of his ability to forward the interest of our soceity, and the mistakes he has committed have been those of the judgment . Under his pastorial labors our church has increased its membership largely and it was largely owing to the knowledge that he was doing all he could and also out of personal regard to him that the church retained him the second year which action we feel now to have been a very grave mistake. When Mr. Teitsworth first came to Longmont the congregation that assembled at the Presbyterian services were generally the largest of any in the village but for some time now it has been the smallest, composed almost exclusively of the members of the church and they have only attended from a sense of duty as they have long since ceased to be edified. Mr. Teitsworth by being very indiscreet in his manner of approaching men has prejudiced the entire community against him until it has come to such a pass that he can hardly pass through any of the streets but that slurs will be cast at him and as a grand final he has jumped a homestead claim which has greatly insensed almost the entire community against him. I think that Mr. Teitsworth had sufficient reason to think that Mr. Weston had abandoned his claim but as there was already such a feeling against Mr. Teitsworth they have taken this time to manifest it. Let me again repeat that this state of affairs has arisen from want of tact and judgment not from any graver fault. And I only write this plainly that you may understand the condition of things at Longmont and be willing to to aid us to the extent of your influencein securing for the coming year a pastor who will be able to command the respect of the community. And let me say further that if our church is to be come an influence for good and a means for the up building of Christ's kingdom in Longmont it will be necessary under the present circumstances that we exercise great discretion in the choice of a successor to Mr Teitsworth. Our soceity will wish to have preaching every Sabbath atleast once a day when the church is completed and if we can be supplied with a minister fitted for the place will try I am confident to double the amount that we raised this year. But unless we can be supplied with a good man and one fitted for the place we can not expect much growth. It must be remembered that most of the residents of Longmont are late from the East and accustomed to Eastern preachers and they(excepting church members) will not attend church unless they are edified. Further more the

Congregational minister is an exceptionally fine pastor and this taken in connection with the feelings which now exists against our present supply cause us to feel that it is absolutely essential that we should make a happy choice next time. If you can make it convenient we would like very much to see you that we might fully explain our wants. Elder Stuart is living in the village, Mr. Buckinham and Elder Ecker are away most of the time, the one at the bank at Boulder and the other at Niwet. Any of the above or any other church member could more fully explain the condition of things. I would perfer that this letter should not be seen by Mr. Teitsworth. I am willing to say to him in your presence any of the contents that you may desire, but as I feel personally friendly toward Mr. Teitsworth and only write this from a sense of duty, feeling that as you have officially the superintendency of this church that you should be informed of its condition, I would perfer that this should not be shown him.

Yours truly,
A. D. Holt.

Fort Collins. July 4, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

I can have the church in the A. M. Either the third or fourth Sabbath of July. And if you can let me know immediately which you can be here I can announce next Sabbath or even the fifth Sabbath I can now arrange for. There will be election and ordination of elders and would like to have yoy here very much.

In great haste,
D. E. Finks.

Elizabeth New Jersey. July 5, 1876.

My dear Jackson,

I have just heard from the President of the U. S. and his son Col. Grant on General Sherman's staff. The President has ordered the Sec. of war to give me all the facilities in his power but he says at the close of his letter that he is afraid that he will not be able to help me much now, because the soldiers are out on duty. He adds further these words, "I would not advise you to take this trip this year you might encounter no difficulty, but you might be annoyed if not wounded by murderous hands." I wrote to Col. Smit to enquire for me as to whether a trip as the one contemplated would be safe now

His reply is ,"Your contemplated trip in the judgment of those best qualified to judge, is not safe. I would not advise you to go this year. The anxiety would destroy all your pleasure, if you were not attacked or troubled by the Indians and milit. regulations." I met General Johnson of West Point at Princeton the other day and he told me that he has a son moving in one of the columnes toward the Yellowstone and has heard fromhim three days before. He advised me to give up the trip by all means this year. He declares it possitively unsafe. In view of all this I have resolved to give up my longed for trip. If anything should happen to me they would pronounce it suicide. Then my family and people would be anxious all the time after hearing of these opinions. Mr. Negle will not go on as there is a death in his family and of the condition of the Indians. I am sorry for this lest it may prove a disappointment to you. I hope you will not be inconvenienced by it. I am just as much obliged to you as if I had had the trip and I hope to take it some other time.

Yours as ever,

Wm. C. Roberts.

N. B. I have acknowledged the receipt of the ticket for Mr. Kimball.

Washington D. C. July 6, 1876.

My dear Brother Jackson,

Your kind letter from ILL. forwarded from Osage City, received here to day. I came on suddenly and unexpectedly in answer to a telegram stating that Mother was rapidly failing. I found her recovered somewhat from the sinking turn she was then passing through. The doctor was surprised to see her rally as he didnot expect her to survive. We are glad to have some hope of her getting stronger again and trust she may be with us for many days yet. The weather is very oppressive and hard on sick people. I am glad to be here. Mother is nearly blind and will not be able to see long. Mother and all here send kind regards. They will be glad to see you at any time Always come here and make yourself at home as much as you would with me in my little room at Silver City. About returning to Tueson or Silver City I should be very glad to do so. When you found the prospect so good at Tueson and the opportunity of helping Brother Smith at Santa Fe presented itselfe, I was sorry I had committed myself to the action of the Eruporia Presbytery and when I left, I am free to say to you- my preference decidedly would have been to remain rather than go to Kansas: but haven given my word to return I felt I must. I

think now as I look it over that I allowed the entreaties of the Kansas friends to have too much weight with me and I did not allow the considerations to have proper influence. They represented that unless I came to them and helped them in their very critical condition they must go down, and the church at Lyndon represented that if I did not come - owing to peculiar reasons existing there-- they would certainly go to pieces. They unconsciously exaggarated the importance of my being there rather than any one else. I feel that someone else could have managed it for them and that I did not trust the Lord for them as I ought to have done. I have felt as if I have made a mistake in coming away from a field which I had learned to like and to which it is so difficult to get anyone to go. My long lingering sickness at Silver City made me feel for a long time that I would be obliged to get away; now I think it was in great part an acclimation process and perhaps if I had remained there long I would have gained the benefit and become better in health. Though as I told you the climate there and dry air made the catarrh worse as far as the head was concerned, I find that the throat and lungs were less affected by it. I experienced a return of the throat and bronchial troubles as soon as I reached Austin., with its somewhat damper air. I thought my throat was about well but I find that the damp air brings back the former unpleasant symptoms.

So you see some developments that none have made subsequent to my coming away, as well as those subsequent to my decision to come away, make me feel that it would have been better to have remained there. Dr. Kimball had previously written and spoken to me as if he thought there were more urgent and promising fiels elsewhere. I had a letter from him for from Silver City to Osage City speaks in more encouraging terms and rather expresses a wish that I should remain down there. I did not feel satisfied with coming away but felt I had to -- and now blame myself for deciding too soon. If I had, at any time after I got over my fever had a choice between New Mexico and Kansas I would have remained at Silver City and now if it were the same choice I would return there at once. But after engaging, agreeable to Presbytery's arrangements, to supply Osage City and Lyndon for a year I do not know just how to proceed. I have written the Board that if they will get a man for Osage City and Lyndon I will return to Silver City or Tueson. I will try to bring this about also. I ought to remain there until Fall anyhow and help dedicate the Lyndon church building and attend to some matters there. Then the field would be in very good shape for another man to take hold of. It is a pleasant field some excellent people and as Kansas is looking up the prospect is very good,

better in fact than I supposed it would be before I went there. I write thus at length dear Brother, that you may see how it is and also by way of apology for leaving down there. I am sorry to add to your labors and perplexities by so doing but at the time it seemed best to return to Kansas to save what I had done there previously. I am asking God to guide me and if the way is open to return to Silver City or go to Tueson either this Fall or next Spring. I should be glad to go. I would return there at once if no engagement in Kansas existed orif ciccumstances there were not just as they are. I wrote to Clum at Tueson in answer to a letter from him and encouraged him all I could- saying I might possibly get down there or be able to send someone interest ed in the South West. I feel much interested down there and would be glad to help our cause in that section all I can. If I could grt a man for Osage City and Lyndon could leave here any time. Let me hear from you. Direct 1008--26th, Street. Washington D. C Perhaps you have some suggestion to make to me in my present position. I want to act properly toward the Kansas friends and would not wish to have them aggrevied. If convinced that I ought to go back for health's sake they would think it was all right. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

Trinidad, Colorado. July 8, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

The Episcopal Bishop has just left. I telegraphed you this morning. I do not know that you can help me but I would like your advise and influence. We are in trouble. The grumblers seem to have gotten the upper hand and are trying to push their advantage. Many I am told who contributed last year refuse to contribute. The principal trouble is I think the desire for some thing new. Others say that I have not visited enough and others find fault with Mrs. Gage for not going more. Even Mr. Phillips who stands by me says that they have a right and demand as their right that the pastor's wife shall visit so and so!! He, I think is a firm friend but at a congregational meeting he offended Mortsolf(elder) so the latter refuses to cooperate. Captain Stark says it is very questionable whether they can raise anything like the amount they did last year. It is the old story of the cry "mad dog" and others join. Phillips and Stork say the life of the church depends on keeping me, It is a question of who shall rule the grumblers or those who have stood by the church. These two men say if

the opposition headed by men of the church succeed they will withdraw from the church and let the party take the church and run it. My next commission starts from the first of this month and requires the church to advance $200. The times are extremely dull. I never saw the like very little wool is selling and at a low price. This ofcourse operates against us. The husbands of two of our members (Terry and Hubbard) are working against me and their wives sympathize. Mortsolf (elder) is not more than one half friend, he is mad at the church generally. This will give you some idea. If it were not a mission church my self respect would forbid my staying here. But as it is a change would be disastrous. Mr. Phillips is discouraged and talks so (the very way to fail) and Mortsolf is out with the whole church. Swallow is away and we mi s him. He was the ballance wheel. But anticipating my trouble he left word to count on him as usual for money $7500 and influence for me. Of$500 pledged they say $300 will not be renewed. The other side can and I think are making it appear the popular thing to talk this way. I do so wish you could be here one Sabbath and hold a congregational meeting. We have no acknowledged leader. no one to go abroad who can do so in a manner acceptable. I believe you could do us a great deal of good by spending a Sabbath here. To me the chances are as much against as in favor of my remaining here. I am not low spirited nor am I worried I can't do much else now than stand firm and I am doing that. The present subscription(church) does not expire until September so I can hold for awhile. My congregations are growing 3/4 of the new families who go to church come to our church. I think you could help organixe. The trouble started with a little difficulty in connection with a social and though I had no more to do with it than the man in the moon ofcourse the pastor had to "take it." This was three months ago but wrath was nursed to keep it warm until now. You may show this letter to Henry if you like but neither you or he must mention its contents to Mrs. Gage when here. I have not told her and it would crush her to know these things are said and discourage her from all future work. She does as much as any other woman and then to be growled at! She feels as I do we ought not move.

John L. Gage.

I do not think you would involve yourself in any way.

New York. July 10. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother,

With both your churches now vacant let me turn

your attention again to Dr. Backus' son at Northampton.New York He is suffering in that severe climate and thinks he must leave on that account. you perhaps know more of him than I do but he has a fine presence -is said to be a fine speaker. Was in the army and I should such a man as would take in Denver. I presume you are overwhelmed with applications for the positions. I saw Hawley at Hamtom College commencement. He seems to wish to go back to Golden if the way is open. I suppose Anderson is already on his way to Arizona. Welch is probably new at Saratoga with his physicians. That is, I think his last chance. But I am Hopeful about that. Strange declined to go to Salt Lake. I want to get some plans matured to make a successful beginning the next move we make.The main question is about land to build on. We must study up the best method to do that. How does this sad Custer business affect your and Roberts trip to Montana?

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

I hope you have already notified Rommel and Crittenden of our inability to obtain recruits for Montana and that you and Roberts were to be looked for there and would consult with them as to all the work there. If perchance Roberts has concluded not to go tell them of his change of plan. But tell them that exhorted and instructed Roberts to go with you and make a full survey of the field and its wants and receive for us all suggestions about the work. If you are about to go up there and have not written them these things please do so at once. I am afraid Rommel will get away and we have no one for his place. Have you heard from Lowrie on the subject?

H. Kendall.

Longmont, Colorado. July 11, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Your presence at Longmont was announced for Thursday evening. Not by my order. Would have urged you not to come at this time. Desire you to be here of a Sabbath. You will have but a very small attendance of Presbyterians. We will look for you on the train Thursday.

Fraternally &c.

W. P. Teitsworth.

Trinidad, Colorado. July16,1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I forgot while you were here to show you this letter

from Brother Harding I dont know what to write him about fields. Tell me. This letter was sent me from Georgetown Hence the delay. Mr Taylor subscribed $50 for salary and pledged $50 more. But said it had not better be known generally that he was doing so much as it would arouse opposition on the part of his opponents(political)! I was able to have a more satisfactory talk with Col. Stork. Indeed most of the "outsiders" as they told you was the case joining with the opposition , the probability is that more than 1/2 will not. Some of those who do not renew and Stork supposed were unfriendly-I know are friends personally to me and Mrs. Gage, But business is dull and I happen to know that they are denying themselves pleasure which they anticipated. The same parties who are working up the opposition to me , worked up a feeling against Mr. Rice(Meth.) which actually was the cause of Mr. Rice being horse whipped an awful pounding. And they had begun on Roberts about the time Roberts announced his intention to leave which oscourse prevented any out break. These facts seem to make it more necessary to stand by the ship.

We are having a nice rain. God bless you Brother.

Yours,

John L Gage.

Let me know what to tell Harding about fields which can support him.

Los Angeles Cal. July 13, 1878.

Doctor Jackson,

Dear Brother,

You will be surprised to hear from me at this pointand at this late hour but it is all right. I was delayed a week in Belvit by our marriage operations and in San Five had to remain sixteen days before I could be ordained. I telegraphed Dr. Scott and he did everything in his power to get a meeting of the Presbytery but it was of no use. The moderator and ststed clerk were gone and there was no one to sign the call.The ordination service was held on Sabbath afternoon. Dr. Scott preached the sermon. We came to Los Angeles by water as suggested. The tickets that you helped to provide for us were not here from the fact that the stage company had gone down. There is now but one line running to Arizona. As a result of the withdrawal of this line, it will cost us $132 from San F. to Prescott instead of $55 as we expected. Dr. White called yesterday upon our arrival. He says that he received your letter but has heard nothing from the supertendent

of the stage company. Ofcourse the reason is that it is defunct. We hope to leave for Prescott tomorrow. We are allowed only thirty pounds of baggage. Have shipped three hundred pounds by gulf of Cal.
Dr. White informed us that Mr. Anderson is commissioned for Tueson. I am glad to hear it. He was quite doubtful when I left New York. Mrs. Merrill sends regards to yourself and Mrs Jackson She has stood the journey well and is eager to try that desert down by West Colorado. Trains now run to Indian Wells.

Later.

Dr. White came in at this point and invited us to Wolfskill's orange grove, As it is now late I must close and peck up. I am just told by the stage agent that all our hard baggage will be weighed. I presume they will weigh my pocket knife. All extra baggage is 30 cents a pound. I tell you what it is Doctor if I had know that it would be so expensive getting to Prescott I should never have dared to start for I have always made it a point to keep with in my means. It will cost us one hundred and twenty five dollars besides what the board gave,($300) and advanced (200) and we have been just as economical as could be. But it is all righr and we are happy and are going to put it through.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. Merrill.

Oakland. July 14, 1878.

Rev. S Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother,
Your postal informing me of a man for Tueson was received in due time. I am thankful you have succeeded in this arrangement. Brother Merrill started for his field on Thursday of this week. We shall now have a strong bone in Arizona.and withGod's blessing will do a great work in that territory, I am obliged to be absent for several weeks I therefore will not see Brother Anderson on his arrival here, will have a letter for him. You give him necessary instructions. All well.

Yours truly,
Thos. Fraser,

Longmont Colorado. July 15, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver.
My dear Sir:

I was very sorry to be kept away from town while you were here, as I wanted to hear your views regarding our church matters here. I have just written your fronteer man, Mr. Bayless asking where we could arrange to him sufficient claims until this Fall. In order that we may seat and use our church at once. We can do nothing toward raising money but I think this Fall after harvest, we can raise the necessary money for seating it in good shape. Any suggestions you may see fit to afford concerning this arrangement will be gladly received and shall have careful attention.

Yours truly,
W. W. Buckingham.

Bingham City. Utah. July 19, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Dear Sir.

I write this letter with the hopes that it will find you during your visit to Salt Lake City. I wish to make you acquainted with my position. Of late I have had communications from my relatives in England respecting the matter of their coming to the States. In the event of their so doing it will be necessary for many social and domestic reasons, that myself and wife go East this early Fall. Should this meeting not transpire owing to their remaining where they are still, neither Mrs. Bird nor myself desire to remain in Bingham or on the mountains another winter. In my own case it is unwise for me to do so owing to the weakness of my lungs and throat. Last winter tried me hard and one time I thought I should be obliged to cease preaching. Mrs. Bird also desires to be in the valley during the next fall and winter for domestic reasons which are imperative in their nature.

Should you organize a church at Ogden of which I have heard some talk and should I not go east this fall, owing to the non arrival of my friends, I would offer myself as laborer for that field providing you have no supply secured. If I stay in this territory my field of labor will have to be in the valley during the winter at least. At times I feel moderately well but only too frequently suffer from reaction and past experiences tell me I must husband my resources. Another item

though of less consequence to me than the former and it is the expensiveness of living in these camps added to the small salary which makes life a continual drag a very glomy prospect to one who has a large debt on his shoulders. It is likely the Methodists will reoccupy this field after their conference seeing that they have property and interest here. Altal City is workable only five months of the year and can be supplied from the Salt Lake pulpit during that term as often as I am able to visit it now. One can leave the city at 7A. M. preach at Alta at 11. 30 A. M. and be in the city for evening service by 5.40 P. M. Such a service occassionally with a weekly visit now and then will hold the place as much as it can be held. The present condition of Utah and the scarcity of laborers would seem to teach us that the large and non permanent points should be occupied before these transitory mining camps. The changeableness of the population here and in Alta is a serious draw back to any permanent work for the near future.

With regards from Mrs. Bird and myself. I remain,

Fraternally,

Geo. H. Bird.

P..S. I wish you to consider this note as confidential.

Ogden, Utah. July23, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother,

I came up last night to meet you here according to previous arrangements and learned after reaching here that you had missed connections at Cheyenne and there-fore could not reach here until to-night. Arrangements have been made for you to occupy the M. E. church pulpit to-night and announcements to that effect will be made in the tabernacle and episcopal pulpits to-day. I refer you to Dr. Condon for further particulars Previous arrangements prevent my remaining over until you arrive, so I return home this morning I left two letters for you in the hands of Dr. Condon. I suppose you will come over to Salt Lake City. If you do we will be happy to see you.

Yours truly,

G. M. Anderson.

San Carlos, Arizona. July 24, 1876.

Dear Brother,

Your kind letter and "cromo" came safelt to hand in

Tueson just before I left. I expect to leave San Carlos for Washington with 20 packs in about 4 days and hope to see you at Pueblo or Denver. We are very much rejoiced to learn that Mr. Anderson had been commissioned. I wish I could be in Tueson to assist from the beginning but don't know when I will be back. My organ is in Tueson for the service of the church, many thanks for your kindness.

Yours truly,
John Clum.

Prescott, Arizona. July 24, 1878.

Mr. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

I wrote you from Las Angeles giving you an account of our trip to that point. We left Los. A on Saturday afternoon and did not reach Prescott until Thursday at three P. M. The stage was a miserable affair one of the old line. I told you that the new line had gone down. But we reached our destination and are now well and at work. Mr. Wright called the first day after our arrival and offered the use of his church half of the time. All other arrangements were just as you stated them to me. I preached yesterday morning to a full house. The particular object of mt writing this morning is to get advice . Mr. Wright seems very anxious that the Presbyterians and Methodists work together for some time. He says that any division of the congregation will be "bad" for both. This I would like to do but there is another side to the question. Though we have been here for four days we have discouvered that the Presbyterians are bound to organize and have their church. To tell you the truth they do not like Mr. Wright and are not particularly fond of Methodism itself. It may be that you discovered this yourself. The feeling is so strong that I think we shall have to give away to it and find our own place of meeting. Several of the ladies have taken things in their own hands. Mrs. Gov. Bashford and her three daughters called last week and said that they expected to have the upper story of the new school house for a Presbyterian church. It will make a fine auditorium being more than twice the size of the church. This room is intended ultimately for a high school department but will not be used for a year or two. Now what shall we do under the circumstances? Shall we organize and have our own place of worship before we have placed ourselves under any obligations to our Methodist brethrenor shall we try to work together and keep the people united? I feel like an officer on the frontier telegraphing to

head quarters for orders. I shall await your reply with interest. There is nothing else of importance that I think of now except it be our financial situation. That I confess is pretty dark. We paid one hundred and thirty two dollars fare from Santa Fe and it left us strapped. But the worst is the enormous price of living. We are now paying one hundred and thirty dollars per month for board and one room; just five dollars more than the salary allowed by the board. But we have a place at a boarding house where we can have one room and board for one hundred prr month. We are delighted that we shall have twenty five dollad a month with which to buy horses books, clothes &c. &c. As you told me in San F there is here a maginificient opportunity for work and work that will tell. We are delighted with the town and its surroundings. I have never seen a prettier valley than this. The city is growing with wonderful rapidity. Mr. Cram told me last week that the census had just been taken and showed a population of twenty-six hundred forUtah City and thirty three for the valley. The capitol will probably be removed to Prescott before the next legislature convenes, All these things combined with the mining and farming interests make this an important point. The people have received us with very great cordiality and there is every reason to believe that we can do good work, but there is just this about it we can not go on long if we are limited by the board to one hundred and twenty five dollars a month. If we had a parsonage and could keep house I think we could do it nicely but it cost ten cents per pound for every pound of freight from San F. and it takes two months to get it. To buy furniture here would be to pay three hundred per. cent more than San. F. prices. So we are in a box. I think Providerce will help us out after a time but for the present we must get on the best we can. The board talks of sending men to Phoenix and Florence. Don't you think it would be better to give Mr. Anderson and me a fair start first. I think it would be better to support two places well than to half support four places. Anyway, if something is not done I shall feel it my duty to find some kind of secular employment in order to live. I believe that you told me the methodist minister lived on one thousand a year. When I have to live as he does I will quit the ministry. It is no wonder he is not respected by the people. I think a minister to do good and have the confidence of the people should live in a becoming manner.

I have not yet received a copy of your paper. Please remember us to Mrs. Jackson.

Cordially yours,

John A. Merrill.

Las Vegar, New Mexico. July 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson

Will send you my historical sermon some of these days. Delivered it on time but the agony is to copy it. The assembly brought both of the church records to the mark in reference to the church money(500) now in hand. Will finish up and dedicate this fall. All pretty well. If you see our daughter R. just remember us kindly to her. We are very anxious about her.

Yours ever,

J. T. Annin.

1008, 26th. St. Washington D. C.
July 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letter received and thanks for kind suggestions I will do what I can for Kansas' folks until Fall, get the church finished and dedicated and get them a minister if I can. Then if the Lord leads the way I will be glad to go to New Mexico.Dr. Dickson suggests Albuguergue; but that is a poor field as far as Americans are concerned, at least that is my information about the place. There is a Methodist brother there too I believe. My brother A. J. is here from Fla. He insists that I must go down there that the northern people are pouring in and they have as promising Home Mission fields there as any where West and very needy ones too. From the way the climate has benifited him and his wife, I judge it would be excellent for me. He says people from Santa Barbara deem Fla. climate superior to California climate. He offers me a building lot 5 acres for an orange grove &c. Mr. French likes the country and thinks it a needy and promising field for missionary labor. He visited there not long ago and purchased property and expects to live there when he leaves here. With these several fields before me my desire is to go where I can do the most good and to have health also-or- to put it in another way- I want to go where the Lord directs. It is not my disposition to wander around and keep changing. I want to find a healthful and needy place and settle down and work away.

I found your book and the bookseller said he would send it to you by getting a congressman to frank it-and have it go as Put. Doc. His name and address is I. A. Hopkins 121 Penna. Ave., Washington D. C. If you do not receive write to him. I send you the card of another booksellers and you can send to either

if you should need any other books. The one who sends the book will enclose his card. On enclosed card is a list of books on hand, if you want any of them. The price of Emory's book was $2[illegible]. He lets you have it for $1.50 on account of clerical discount. I paid him $1.50 for the one sent rather than a less price for one which was deficient and had no maps, thinking you would prefer the one which was perfect and complete. Glad to get it for you and will be glad to do any thing I can for you. French(Mr. and Mrs.)send regards. Also all our people here. Mother is better. I expect to go to Center this week. Kind regards to your family.

Very truly your brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

Canon, Colorado. July 26,1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir,

I am in hopes that you are now in Denver and intend to remain. I have been wanting to write you a letter for some time but have been crowded and working day and night. Extra services in the church and funerals have been the cause. July 2, I had the pleasure of babtizing four children. A service different from any before seen in that church. On same evening I ordained our new deacons both of whom are good and sound men. July 9, we celebrated communnion and received (8) eight new members into our church. That being nearly one fourth of our present membership (33) and one of the largest acceptions Canon has ever witnessed. The most of the other churches have had hardly any acceptions at all and none like this. As we bear in mind we have five societies here you will see that we have great reason to be encouraged. Our increase made a good deal of stir in town especially as Hon. James Clelland, Lady and Daughter were among the number. Since I came here Mr. Clelland has hardly missed a sermon, though before having no great reputation for church attendance. He is our new president of the board of missions and will be one of our best members and since we have a prospect of getting out of debt all are much encouraged and more so since our last communnion. Our papers for the church erection are in New York and we hope soon to have them returned. They were delayed from no fault of ours, on account of absence of a trustee in the mountains and collecting subscriptions and should funds comeand our debt be paid I hope to have another good acception in the Autumn as I have several in view already. I want no mention that I have preach-

ed my first sermon at Oil Creek located 12 or 13 miles from Canon in one of the lovliest parks of Colorado. A farming settlement and no church there but a sunday school is kept up every evening in the school house. I preached in the school house to a fine congregation and was much pleased with the trip As many children are there as we can muster in Canon Church. Some of the leading one there among them Hon. A. D. Cooper and lady are members. of our church in Canon and come in as often as the roads will allow. Mr. Chovester goes out with me and we bear our own expenses and so presume no objections will be found at head quarters as this does not interfer with any service in Canon. Since I saw you I have been appointed Chaplain in Colorado penitentiary and as it does not interfer with any of my service I have accepted it. I preach to the convicts once in two weeks. During my first sermon several shed tears and seemes much affected. And now I mean to tell you a few things about money matters. The board owes me ($225) two hundred and twenty five dollars July 15 and my report is in and I presume the funds will be on bye and bye. I am to have a short vacation in August and brother John Wilson of Georgetown takes his in same month. I have an invite to go camping with his party in Middle Park and I presume they will start August 1 or soon after and I ought to be in G. about middle of next week. so as to leave G. with the rest as I might be a long time finding them in Middle Park if I were left behind. You know how uncertain are the funds from New York and I might spend all vacation here in Canon before they came. If going to the mountains were a mere matter of pleasure and rest ofcourse all that would be gotten nearer home and at less expense. You are however aware that I am deeply interested in the Wilson family and as Rev. Bliss and others will have in June "To have a call" in that direction. And in accordance with the recommendation of Presbytery that call has been prosecuted in the shape of a vigorous correspondence which has elicited the fact that the call is mutual and acceptable on both sides. Hence you can appreciate my anxiety to leave Canon next week for you are not destitute of experience in regard to "calls" of this nature. Now to come to businessDoctor, having given all this in confidence most strict I must have fifty dollars$50 to warrent me in leaving Canonand I am aware that if you have that amount in Denver bank you are more than willing to do me the favor you did before and you shall have it as soon as I hear from Secretaries. I am aware you will appreciate the situation and do all you can to aid me. I have not learned whether you were charged discounts on my check and ofcourse if you were I shall make it all correct. I do not know what engagements you have

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for August but our people as well as myself are desirous to see you as soon as possible and hear you could you come to Canon about August lior 12 and preach on August 15? It would be most acceptable. Your visit would do good in more ways than one, and I wish you would come by all means. We shall arrange about the expense I consider this visit no more than what is due you on account of your successful labor in our own behalf and write me a good Fatherly letter soon as I am hungry for one.

Your brother in Christ,
G. W. Smith.

Trinidad, Colorado. July 26, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

What about the Churches North? I still do not talk of leaving. But you do not know what a lot of gossips can do. Now Mrs. Phillips has set afloat a mess of gossip and scandal which is as bad as the burning of a small pox infected feather bed at Franklin a few weeks ago. Don't suppose the woman meant exactly to make trouble but she has to tell every thing she hears. Oh dear! I am tired of it - sick of it. I have a perfect contempt for such a set. It nearly crushes my wife. Think of it! Mrs Mc C. sends my wife a letter saying she (Mrs. G.) is guilty of deliberate falsehood and her husband is no gentleman. All manifactured. I'll go in as a missionary amoung the heathen. The story is so rediculous that we are running down MrsMc. C store when we have always encouraged her. But it matters little. Oh, don't I wish I were an assistant missionary and had the wails of all the missionaries..I give you this as a little spice for your journey. Don't know but I'd better try the mountains of Pa. Are you tired of me?

John L. Gage.

Who offered catechisms to our churches?

Corinne, Utah. July29, 1876.

Dear Brother,

I forward with this my historical sermon, your connection are expected to be so many I have occupied but one page leaving the other to you. Several items I could not find here with which you alone are the reliable authority. Such as your first visit to the town. The first service held in the place. The date and account of the dedication and many others which will no doubt occur to you, so many that you may see it necessary

to write the whole; However I have complied with your request I collected all the facts available here. The almost desertion of the town makes it necessary to seek other preaching stations and some way of travel or another location. I will be glad of your superintendom. All well.

With regards. Respectfully,

S. L. Gillespie.

Gen. James Beaver.

Bellfonte, Pa.

The Presbytery of Colorado has now dedicated the Presbyterian church at Longmont to the worship of the true God. And we all rejoice that they were not called on to do this until it was freed from debt. It is a beautiful structure now laid upon the altar of the Master and conceded to be one of the neatest church buildings in all this centennial state. It is now therefore the house of the Lord another monument erected for the glory of the Saviour. On that it ever be the abode of the Holy Spirit, Your funds and your prayers have done very much toward the erection of this house. You may see even now that you have made a good investment for the Lord. It will stand. Such work is equal to a deposit in the bank of heaven from which the interest comes back at the rate of abundance in this present evil world and life everlasting in the world to come. Carry the gospel of the blessed God our Saviour to any dark corner in all the world and there will be light. It cannot be other wise for you sent "The light" into that dark place. You sent also "The power of God into salvation".

Some days ago I stood in machinery hall and saw those great arms of the Corliss engine I said to myself" There is a mainfestation of great power" and then I remembered a power back of fire and water. "If the exhibition be open on the Lord's day" said the noble builder"I know that the engine will not run"

Sheldon Jackson.

New Mexico. August 2, 1876.

Laguna Nuevo Colorado.

Dear Friend Dr. Jackson,

I suppose by this time you have returned from the states and are expecting a letter from me. Well I have been so busy lately that I had and even yet have no time to write. I have got the house well nigh finished. I have built six rooms one big altogether for the Indians. The house will cost me

Between $300 and $700 . The ladies have given me $100 toward the house and $250 as salary. I would like to know just how the matter stands. I cannot very well live on $500 a year where everything cost so much. You may have made some arrangements for something additional while you were East, and if so well, as I do not like to have to resort to secular work if I can avoid it. But if there is nothing but the $500 to be relied on then it will be necessary for me to do something else to make out a living. The Indians are doing real well. Our attend- to church is about 30 and a decided improvement is even now visible. They are expecting a school as soon as the house is completed and their crops gathered in. We moved into the house two weeks ago though two rooms are not roofed yet. I wish to hear from you and have your direction as to what to do and what to depend on- also in regard to the school. I intended to tran- scribe this but hope you will excuse haste and want of time. Very kind regards to Mrs. Jackson,

Your servant in Christ,
John Menaul.

Prescott, Arizona. August 4, 1878.

Dear Doctor Jackson,

Your letter came last night. Some time ago soon after our arrival I wrote you a doleful, complaining sort of a letter. We were then boarding at the rate of $130 a month and had but one room. Soon after that however, things changed somewhat for the better. Wife and I talked it over and concluded that the only possible way for us was to go to keeping house. So I went to Mr. Otis the postmaster, and told him that the people must provide us some kind of house or we must go back to San F. (I had two calls while there last time). Well, they aroused themselves at once and in less than an hour Mr. Otis called and said that a parsonage was ready, and we could move in at once. Ofcourse we had nothing to begin house keeping with but here Provodence through the people helped us out again. Mr. Bashford whose wife and daughter(Mrs. Burmister) are members of our church was once governor of our state(Wisconsin) and for this reason or some other he and all his family have taken a great interest in us ever since our arrival. You know they own the largest store in town. Well, they said"come in and get everything you need for house keeping and pay when you please we are not going to let you leave Prescott". The cottage provid ed is a very neat one of seven rooms larger than we really needed. Mr. Burmister owns it and he generously threw off

$10 a month from the rent and a half dozen of our people easily pay the rest($25.) So you see Providence helped us out of our difficulty squarly and speedily. We have furnished our house comfortably at least so that we can get along nicely. I have spent all my own and wife's money and gone into debt about $400. You may think us extravagant but you must know that $400 will buy no more here than $150 in San F. Still we are going to get along and shall more than pay our debts if all goes well before the end of the year now that the people have provided a parsonage. But here a point comes up and I must go to you again for advice. Must we deduct what the people pay for rent from the salary allowed by the board? We don't want a cent more than was promised but if the house rent is deducted we can not live and pay our debts. Nor do we wish you to send any money if you have not already. With the aid of Providence we will pull through, and feel the stronger for the experience. I am greatly encouraged with the prospect of a good strong church. We did not organize last Sabbath because none of the people had their letters with them. All have sent and we shall organize as soon as they arrive, probably two weeks from next Sunday(20th.) I think we shall have thirteen members for a start a good number for a centennial church. As I told you in my last that the Presbyterians are anxious to have their own church, but I tell them we had better worship with the Methodists until we can make a good strong beginning. I preached last Sabbath evening. Mrs. Roberts said that the house was about as full as the evening you occupied the pulpit. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are staunch Presbyterians. Next week Mr. Wright and I go to Williamson's valley about twenty five miles to the south west to organize a work there. I will report as to that work at some other time. I thank you for the words of encouragement in your letter. The Lord has helped us far more than we deserved We have asked "great things" of him and he has granted all our requests, so far as it was best for us to receive. I wish I wish we had some pictures of ourselves to send you. We shall be pleased to send them as soon as we can get any. We are almost afraid to ask for yours and Mrs. Jackson's though we should like very much to have them. Mrs. Merrill wishes to especially to be remembered to you. She is a "hero" as you say.

Your brother in Christ,

John A. Merrill.

Central City Colorado. August5, 1876.

My dear Sir,

I am exceedingly anxious about the state of our church in this city and hope that some one can soon follow me in the work here. If nothing is done it will be very much like plowing a field and then failing to plant the seed. The people have gotten into the way of attending church and the congregation are i have reasons to believe larger than any in the town and it does not seem right that they should be scattered again. If it was possible it would be well to have some one as soon as I leave. The 27th. Inst. will be my last Sabbath amoung the people as it will be necessary for me to return East. I regret that I know of no one at present that I could recomend to the people. But hope such a one may be found. I write to yo a h me as you have these churches in charge. I had hoped to meet you in Boulder last Wednesday at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery and have a talk over the matter but you were not there. I trust that the way will open up soon and some earnest worker may be found for this important field. During my short stay here I have met most of the congregation and found them a pleasant and intelligent class of people.and some earnest active christians. But they need a shepard and if found I pray the Lord will abundantly bless his labors amoung these people.

Very sincerely,
William L. Ledwith.

Rev. T. E. Bliss.

Denver Colorado. August 8, 1876.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

In reply to the forgoing letter--I suggest that his people write to Rev. John A. Bower of Fredondon Ohio at once. What Brother Stewart will do about going to Boulder I know not and care not. Dr. Lord may be up to them, I am not informed. The funeral of Dr. Thacker prevented my attending the called meeting of Presbytery and I have heard no reports of what was done. The communication from the church at Longmont I put in the hands of Brother Teitsworth topresent them. I wrote to him on his return from Fairplay . I write to day to Brother Stewart for a report of that meeting and as to what his plans are for the future. His mercy certainly blocks everything . I have suspected that the ambition of Dr. Lord would show itself

yet in designs upon the Presidency of the state University there and that his present supply of that pulpit was only a stepping stoneto that end. From what Brother Stewart said when I last saw him I inferred that things were not so clear about the matter. I am prepared to expect anything from Dr. Lord and I have little faith in his return to Chicago this Fall if there is the smallest show for him here.

Last Sabbath was a good day for St. Paul's Presbyterian church. Two united with us and three little ones were babtized. In the evening Governor Roult and wife were present while I discoursed upon"The reason only the state should recognize the affliction visitation of God's Providence by the appointment and observance of special seasons of Fasting,Humilation and Prayer" The grass-hopper plague is upon us again. As ever,

Most truly yours,
T. E. Bliss.

Hamilton Montana. August9, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have just written to Dr. E. H. Allen of Phila. telling him that you would be in the city about 27th, inst.And asking him if consistent to hear statements from you before his congregation in regard to our mission field and to assist us if possible. Here in we enclose our measures as you suggested.

We enjoyed your short visit and all send you kind regards.

Yours fraternally,
L. B. Crittendom.

Las Vegas. August 9, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I now forward to you a copy of the historical discourse delivered in my church July 2nd,. I wanted to keep a copy. I may give portions of it to the press, don't know. Please find also a photograph view of our mission property. The great trouble has been to find time to copy the sermon. All pretty well and join in much love to you and yours.

Fraternally,
J. A. Annin.

Greely, Colorado. August 10, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

In accordance with promise I write though I hardly know what to write, Greely certainly offers a fine prospect for hard work. Enough for the ambition of any young man. W. F. Thompson says he will write to you soon. I think Father T. would like to resume his labors here when the heated term is over. I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
D. J. Mc Millan.

West Chester, Penn. August 11, 1876.

Rev. J. A. Merrill.
Prescott Arizona,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Enclose you will find draft for $40 for the cause before spoken of. I am more than usual feeble to-day. I long for the rest beyond and yet I shrink. Don't forget me in your prayers.

Your friend and sister,
P. A. Lewis.

Golden Colorado. August 11, 1876.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 10th, received. The time of the meeting of Presbytery was changed to the 17th, of November at the request of the Longmont church. Brother Anderson was released from his charge. Brother Egbert is supplying the Boulder church at present and Dr. Lord will probably supply it in September until his return from the East. I do not see my way clear to go to Boulder at present. I would be glad to see Brother Harry go there but he could not live on a salary of $1000 and this seems to be the most they could do with the help of the board the first year. Had a letter from a minister in Pa. about my age in regard to Central and B. H. or one of them. He lives in Pa. and from previous knowledge of him think he would be just the man or Central or the two churches. Says

he is not afraid of hard work and has had experience of it I know in one of the oil towns in Pa. He is a good preacher. If you think best write the Central people about him. His address is Rev. R. M. Brown Irvim, Pennsylvania. he is a married man and has one little child. We have met with a great loss in the death of Dr. Thacker. It was impossible for me to attend his funeral after hearing of his death. I would like to exchange sometime but can hardly arrange it before I go East. Expect to start about the 28th, of August. Perhaps it might suit to exchange October 1st, and when I can tell my plans definetly will write. I am not certain about staying in Golden but will know before we start East. Our kindest regards,

Yours in Christ,
R. L. Stewart.

Golden Colorado, August 11th, 1876.

Dear Brother,

I suppose you will be in Philadelphia by the time this letter reaches its destination. We expect to leave Pittsburg (D. V.) on the morning of the 5th, of September and reach Philadelphia about 7.30 in the evening. If the place you are assigned suits you and you can do so please secure two rooms and board for three persons for one week from the time above mentioned. If not please let me know the prospects as soon as you can for securing others &c. &c. I may remain two weeks but am not certain about it now. At the called meeting of Presbytery it was decided to pospone the regular meeting until November 17th. If you have time please insert a notice of the change in the paper. Had a letter from Rev. R. M. Brown of Irim Pa, an old friend of mine in regard to Central City church. I think he would be a first rate man for that field or that church and Black Hawk continued which would be better. I told him to write you on the subject. Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Yours in Christ,
R. L. Stewart.

Affairs remain in status quo' so far as the churches are concerned in this part of Colorado, Have no doubt that you have heard of the death of Dr. Thaker. Mrs. Stewart unites in kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson yourself and family.

R. L. Stewart.

Trinidad, Colorado. August 15, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Received yours yesterday with rail road 1/2 fare permit. Thanks-- Wife goes in two weeks (D. V.)Mr. Thaw sent us "passes" from St. Louis to Pittsburg. Ithink I will try to visit Mt. Holly N. J. Would it be amiss for you to write Miss Jane Ten Eyck (Mt. Holly) that she can say to her pastor that he need not hesitate to invite me to preach. You know ofcourse Eastern pastors have to exercise caution. I have been bored by travelling Home Missions and others, I think it does good to let the churches and pastors know that the same gospel is preached West as East. An elder from an Eastern city took my hand a few Sabbaths ago and said with some feeling "It seems good to have the same kind of preaching here so far away as at home" He seemed to express an honest surprise that we preached carefully prepared sermons out here.

Willie is not well he is sitting in my lap just now and says tell Mr. Jackson to come and see us some time and "He is Dr. Jackson not Mrs. Jackson" God bless you my Brother. I hope to hear from you soon in answer to my last.

John L. Gage.

I go East for my wife in October.Can you and I go together from Pueblo.

Prescott, Arizona. August 19, 1878.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Enclosed you will find a short letter about a little work that Brother Wright and I began last Sabbath. The field is a very promising one. If you wish to publish the letter you may make any alterations in it that you may see fit.

I shall preach here D. V. next Sabbath morning and evening and on the following Sabbath go to Williamsis' valley. We would go to Chino valley- 12 miles from Williamsis 22 from Prescott-if it were a little large and have an evening service there.We are well as usual and trying to do our duty. The Presbyterians are still anxious to have their own place of worship. I oppose it as much as I can.Mrs. Merrill sends regards

Cordially yours,

John A. Merrill.

Denver Colorado. August 22, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

My dear Sir and Brother,

The applications for aid of the Presbyterian church at Fairplay (for the support of Brother Teitsworth) have been and approved of by myself and forwarded to Dr. Lord at Boulder with the request that he would forward the same with his approval (as chairman of the home mission committee) to Dr. Kendall and Dickson at No. 23 Center Street New York Cityas they assisted for 800 dollars and pleged themselves to raise 400 dollars. They ask that the commission date from 15 of August 1876 to 15 of August 1877. I judge that their request is no more than reasonable, Inclosed I send you a "postap" which you can answer better and more wisely that I. I have heard nothing of any action taken in Central. Brother Anderson is now here and supplied the Central church last Sabbath while Father Hamilton supplied the 17th.street church, Rev. Mr. Roberts pastor of the congregational churchat Kansas City, is here and supplying the congregational now. Brother Eads of LawrenceSt. Methodist and Ellis of the baptist church are away in the mountains. The 17th, street folks are expecting a Dr. Brooks from Ill or Ind, this week. I hear nothing relative to the decision of Dr. Fullerton and the Central church pastorate.

I continue to forward your letters as you requested and hope you receive them all. My family are as well as usual, My pastoral labors ahve been greater this summer than ever before, But my congregations were never so good. with my best wishes for you and yours, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,

T. E. Bliss.

Santa Fe. August 24, 1876.

Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Send the ladies to this point.

George G. Smith.

Evanston, Wyoming Territory, August 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yesterday I spent in Ogden had an appointment there for next Sabbath but as a pass was handed me, I thought it best

to go and do some pastoral labor before the Sabbath. Only think! I found a congregational minister right from the East commissioned for one year and to spend all his time in Ogden, they had also secured the hall which threw me out of a place of worship. From all I can see and learn of Mr. Peebles he has been working every possible way to keep a presbyterian minister from coming to Ogden. He has talked so modestly and unassuming to Brother Welsh and myself and thus has lead all on a wrong tract, He absolutely refuses to put his name to either of the papers you left with Mr. Sharp and Mr. Rawlins. I am told a young man in the telegraph office is the only one favoring a congregational church unless it may be Mr. Peebles and Dr. Condon. Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Rawlins seem to think this is the case but I think Mr. Peebles is only afraid of paying some of his money. I spent the entire day very pleasantly and I trust propitious; called upon the minister Mr. Safford and told him of our steps and as soon as you returned had the names to organize a presbyterian church, asked him if he had any church members but gave me no reply. I am confident none of our members will join them at present. From all I could learn I think Mr. Bowers of Salt Lake is at the bottom of it all. I founr Mrs. Rawlins and Mrs. Sharp the very salt of the earth. I also think Mrs. Condon is true; the ladies will write me next week and if I procure another pass I will go and spend another day or two there, but I am entirely out of money all of my own is in our home. I have had to borrow and can not do it any more, my last quarters pay from New York was due the first of June. Had Mr. Early remained I should have spent much time in Ogden but really I have not had the money to pay my fare. As soon as you can please visit Ogden and judge for yourself what we had better do. The small -pox is still raging here. Two deaths this week. A young man from the East on his way to California to engage in teaching the chinese is here and as there are some many in the vicinity has concluded to spend a year at least with us. I suppose there are some four or five hundred chinamen at the mines and on the rail road. Mr. Eurgley will render all possible aid. I hope and pray he may accomplish much for the Master. I shall continue visiting Williard and all other points as much as possible. I am so sorry to learn of Brothers Welches' continued sickness. Oh! what a work to be done and the time is so short. Our Sabbath school is greatly enlarged and I am every where cordially welcomed. In great haste,

Yours in tool for Jesus,

F. L. Arnold.

P. S. As soon as I visit or hear from Ogden I will write to you.

Denver, Colorado. August 26, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

My dear Sir and Brother,

I have just sent forward an application for aid from the church in Golden. It asks for 600 dollars to support Brother Stewart. It was first sent to Dr. Lord at Boulder and with his very strong and special endorsement was forwarded to me. Ofcourse I put my name on it and sent it on to New York. It asks for a commission from October 1st, for Brother Stewart's services at Golden alone! Last evening I learned from Brother John E. Anderson that Brother Stewart was looking some in another direction. I did not learn where. Dr. Lord has had a hand in some matters connected with the State University at Boulder but they have now got into a raw and will not start this year. I am more than ever satisfied that Dr. Lord has been manipulating-Anderson--Stewart--and others this will fully appear at the next meeting of Presbytery at Longmont. Be sure to make all your plans to be here some time before the meeting. The defeat of all his projects at Georgetown will make him all the more active this time. But O Brother ! what a nuisence and trouble that old man has thus far been in this Presbytery. What a diabolical work of discord and strife he has already accomplished. I am inclined to think there is something behind in all this matter that has not yet come to the surface. Why they should ask for Brother Stewart all the time &c &c. Why Dr. Lord remaines so long at Boulder. Why the Boulder people take no steps to get Brother Stewart &c &c. Write me soon. All well,

Very truly yours,

T. E. Bliss.

Saratoga August 28, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Denver.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find draft for the $50 for missionary purposes promised you some five years ago. I intended to have forwarded it much sooner but have not seen my way clear to do so, I sent $100 to the board in the winter direct and for this reason I did not respond to the loud call from Olympia, Wishing you much success in your important field I am,

Yours very truly,

L. W. James,

Please send receipt-----box 155.
Mr. Crocker resigned the 2nd, church here and has no settled place yet though he is preaching in the 2nd,. Dutch in Schenectady

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Schenectady, New York. Aug. 31 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Sir,

I have enclosed a draft for one hundred dollars. Fifty dollars for the Presbyterian Indian Board of missions. The other fifty dollars is for the Modock Indian mission, I did not exactly understand you , last winter when I saw you about the Modock Indian missionary board. Will you excuse me for intruding on your time in asking you to send to them the fifty dollars; and say, this shall be the last I shall send until I know from what board of missions, under whose care they are and what progress the Modock Indians have made in civilazation and christianity. I do not want them to give it in writing. But send me one of their missionary papers that gives a full account of their impronements in education and religion. Will you inform the board of missions to direct to , Mrs. Truman, Post office box, No. 301. Schenectady, new York. Reply to this when received.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. . Freeman.

Denver, Colorado. August 31, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.

My dear Brother,

The inclosed letter "looks like business" and I forward it to you- that you may make such answer to it as you think best. A note from Smith of Conon City (now at Georgetown on vacation &c) a few days ago since offered yo supply at Idaho Springs next Sabbath (Sept. 3rd.) if they desire. I sent them a postap with his offer and asked them to write to him at Georgetown. I hear nothing new from the churches -since my last, Judge Blockburn intimated to me yesterday that Brooks of Danville Ill. had given up the idea of coming here. Will the 17th, St. church now strike for Stewart? The new church at Lake City seems to be going ahead nicely. It is undoubtedly a good point. Nothing new about Greely- or Central or Longmont. Father Hamilton is now supplying the 17th, St. church for a month. The interest to work in St. Paul's church seems to be

steadily increasing. Our Sabbath school- prayer meetings Sabbath audiences are doing well and excellent spirit prevails. Next Sabbath evening I am to preach on "Tenperance" and expect a full turn out of the temperance organizations. One week from this evening (Sept. 7) I am expected to make one of the addresses at the meeting of the "Sunday School Union" at the Lawrence Street Methodist church. So you see that I have enough to keep me pretty busy. In fact this has been one of my most laboring summers in Denver. Such a dirth of ministers has thrown not a little on my shoulders. Financially speaking the times are fearfully hard. Never so much so as now. This last visitation of the grass-hopper plague has destroyed all our corn and all the later grain I fear. We all feel it to the quick. But God reigns and we will trust in him.

Very truly yours,
T. E. Bliss.

Boulder, Colorado, September 1, 1876.

Brother Bliss,

Please find with this-application from the church in Greely-to our board of home missions. I am told by sagacious business men that greely is now looking up again and has promise of solid growth. In a single line to me Brother Thompson requests that the application when signed be remailed to him at Greely. I do not know why--but suppose he must wish to send to the board some other document with it

Very truly yours,
Willi Lord.

Pueblo. September 4, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I wish I knew where you are. Some how we feel lost when you are in parts un-known. I am on my way East with Mrs. Gage. We have had a serious time in Trinidad. We were thrown out the hall and literally had no place for service. At the same time the opposition grew more desperate. And strangest of all Mr. Phillips turnrd bitterly against me personally. I would not have supposed him capable of such manners as his wife reports, It may be that she has misrepresented him-and now it comes to light that Mrs. Phillips and her daughter with Mrs. Mc C. have stirred up all the trouble. Gossip, gossip they have lied about us and lied about others. I thought a reaction would

set in when you were amoung us. I think it now has. People have found out who it is that is making all the trouble. Col. Swallow has returned and at once he showed himself a true man. I would not hint resignation much to Mr. P. disgust. His wife says "Mr. P. has told Mr. Gage to leave and he just won't do it!!" I want you to visit Trinidad and then write me fully your impressions. My wife thinks I ought to return. I sometimes think I ought not to suffer her to stay when she is abused so. It is awful the way Mrs. P. and Mc. C/ have treated her and ofcourse they have gathered a clique around them. But enough of this They think of building this Fall. Indeed it is a case of distress I have a good congregation and there is no place to worship. I am going to try to raise funds for a building. I would not try it but we are driven to such straits. We have got to have a building or we have got to suspend. Now please send me the strongest endorsement you can for the case of distress. It is just here they have got to go with out the gospel unless a house or hall can be obtained. The church building of the Methodist wont hold the congregations, that would like to go to church and have attended. I feel I have got to take hold of the matter and the churches are stirred up to do what they can.
Write to me at Franklin Ohio immediately the best endorsement you can give.

John L. Gage.

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Missoula, Montana. September 4, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson,

You will please find enclosed one dollar for the "Presbyterian". The people of Missoula were quite disappointed in not getting to see you. As for my part I have no blame to attach to you. We are yet with out a minister. Mr. Butsele organized with a membership of 13 by order of the Presbytery and on his own responsibility addressed the home mission board asking for a minister. I for one protested against such a move telling the people that you were the proper person to represent our religious interests to the board. As I antisipated his letter was not noticed so all our past efforts are in dead letter. The Episcopalians are trying yet to secure the field and the support of the people, If not prevented by the presure of business. I hope you will answer this and let us know the prospect for this or the coming year, we shall try to prevent the Episcopalians from occupying the field at present but can not long. Kindest regards to you and yours,

O. T. Simms.

23 Center street, New York City.
September 4, 1876.

These letters came after you left. Thanks for the Hayden report which has been received. The secretaries are bot. absent Dr. Kendall will be home Thursday next. A letter from Welch's brother announces the death of Mrs. Josiat at Uricksville Ohio August 31, He is about the same very weak. Eaton is down in Maine.

Yours truly,
O. E. Boyd.

Denver Colorado. September 4, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.
Dear Brother,

A few days ago since Dr. Lord sent me the "Application" for aid from the Presbyn church at Greely to date from September the first for 700 dollars. Dr. Lord wrote on the back of his endorsement and I very reluctantly added my name to it. At his request I remailed it to Rev. Mr. Thompson at Greely(as by inclosed scrap) The application was evidently written by James K. Thompson who I believe is a son of Rev. Mr. Thompson. And is signed by three elders, viz; James K. Thompson, Eli Annis, and Alfred Bocter. Also by two trustees W. D. Thompson and D. Brockiday. The application says "We are very desirous of retaining the services of Rev. R. G. Thompson &c. &c." Why the names of the other trustees are not on it(if they have any) I do not know. Do you see through this? Does it look as though Brother Thompson did not wish to have his case come up again. As it did at Golden last Fall. I judge that the Groretoris at New York know all about that church and its pastor and I will do-anyway- about as they think best. Inclosed I send you a letter from Rev. R. H. Brown. Brother Stewart wrote me about him I sent the letter of Rev. Mr. Brown to the elders at Central some weeks ago but have heard nothing from them. To-day I send the name of Mr. Bower-on and ask for a reply. I judge that you know what is best in this matter, Yours from Washington was received to-day, A number of the packages referred to have already come.We had a fine audience at St. Pauls last evening to hear my discourse on "Temperance". Our Sabbath lesson yesterday was on this subject. My family are as well as usual. With kind regards to the Jackson children. I remain,

Very truly yours,
T. E. Bliss.

Laramie, City, September 6, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

There is some prospect of my going East in a few weeks. Our people are willing to it and I shall probably never have a better opportunity far as money is concerned. I regret to leave my congregation as it has been on the increase for the last two months but hope it may be for their own good. Our town is increasing so and my pastoral labors are so many I feel there should be a person procured for Rawlins. He could live there and labor along the road and find a field requiring all his time. It will require some little tact to keep this field entirely from the Congregationalists. Indeed it would be impossible were it not that my firmest friends are they who compose that element in our church. The Methodist are moving in that direction but if we can get a man to go there immediately I think the people would receive him and that would forestall their move. The man whom they would send is one of Edmondson's and I think the crop of that kind is fully large at present. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. E. Hamilton.

Colorado Springs, Colorado.
September 7, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I was up at Monument last Sabbath, a Miss Mc. Shane and a Mrs. Walker united on profession and were baptized. We had a profitable commission, The church have no sessional record book and no records. Can you supply a book and write in it a historical statement?

Your Brother,
H. B. Gage.

Do you want a copy of my centennial sermon for your own use? It will take 1/2 day to copy it.

Salt Lake City. Utah. Sept. 7, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother,
Doubtless you have heard of Emmas' death. She died August 31, At Uricksville, Ohio, at her Mother's after a short illness. She had an attack of billious fever brought on nodoubt by anxiety for Mr. Welch and it went to his brain. Nothing ever seemed so to effect this community, I never saw the like of it. All churches are affected by it even the mormons feel it. In her death she is more powerful than in her life. I send you the memorial slip please publish it. What will the churches do? Mr. M. is very feeble, Mc. and Bride started yesterday for Mt. Pleasant. Bride returns in a week and then goes East to be gone a month to see friends from England.
Our school has opened with a good attendance but a large number charity largely by our own scholarships. I have Miss M. L. Benary one of the finest christian teachers in the United States, Can you not say something to stir up sunday school to help us? God's spirit is among our pupils: Our young people meeting's are well attended, All we can do is to pray, work and trust. Mrs. C. bears it nobly.

Your affectionate Brother,
J. M. Coyner

Laguna Valencia Co. N. M.
September 9, 1876.

Dear friend Dr. Jackson,
Yours of August 14th. has been received. My writing to you was not from disatisfaction of salary &c. but to know how much I could rely on; that I might make provision for what might be lacking. We have not opened the school yet but expect to soon. I have been out for the last week with Dr. Thomas who is seeing to surveys which are being made of adjoining lands. This has detained me or I would have the house finished in a few days. The work here is progressing beyond the highest expectations. The Catholic party is coming over fast and last night discharged their gonernor to be governed in the future by Protestant Governor. The Lagunas are in a fair way to abandon the last forms of heathern dances and devil worship. The church is crowded every Sunday. We need additional seats in our church very much. Could you get us $100 for that purpose?

Very many of the people have to stand and now that the Catholics are "coming to church on Sundays" it will be still more crowded. Kind regards to your family.

Your servant in Christ,
John Menaul.

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23 Centre, Street,. September 9, 1876.

Dear Dr.

Lowrie still hangs fire. Mc Lain has done very wrong in leaving Nevada as he has. The church will probably be dead before we can get another man for the place and the most of our many will be lost. I have not decided to "interview" the Am. home missionary soceity about interference at Ogden, but I have written Arnold that if the people there are Presbyterians he must hold the ground. If they are Congregationalists we can't hold. The death of Welch 's wife is a dreadful blow to him- to Pro. Coyner and wife and to our church at Salt Lake, how dreadful it is! In granting commissions to Stewart, Evans and Finks at Fort Collins we expressed our dissatisfaction with the payment and employment of a man at each place and we have told them both that we think the two fields should be united as before and one man be released and transferred to some other point. We want the matter brought up at the next meeting of Presbytery and so arranged if possible. How would Finks do for Helena? We give Finks only $500 instead of $700 and Stewart only $500 instead of $600 applied for. This makes both salaries too small and yet the two points at that rate cost us $1000. Put them together and give the pastor a better support and put the other man where he can do good service and have a living salary.

Yours &c.
H. Kendall.

Denver, Colorado. September 11, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

My dear Brother,

Yours with the post office order(400) came safely to hand. The bill for freight is paid and the "barrel" is safely stored at my house awaiting your return. A card from the express office came the other day. I called to see about it and they said they could keep it until your return. The papers - to the 13 names you sent me in your last have already been forwarded to their several addresses. A "Postal" came from

Brother Egbert at Princeton N. J. asking for several copies of the September number of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". I sent him six copies and wrote him of your absence-- and your address for the month of September and when you were expected home. The churches do not seem to be in any haste to call for ministers. Neither the Central or the 17th., have settled anything yet. I have written to the churches at Boulder and Longmont making some inquiries giving them names &c., but have no light as yet. What Dr. Lord is doing I know not. I spoke of Brother Hawley to both the Boulder and the Longmont people. I hear that he is still at Springfield Mass. He sent recently to have the remainder of his furniture sold, but I suggested that they hold it until we hear from those places. Brother Egbert has just sent the name of Rev. D. R. Mc Casling, Trenton N. J. for Longmont and Valmont -- which names I have also sent to the elders at Longmont. As Mr. Hawley may not be here to preach the opening sermon of Presbytery at Longmont I have written to Brother Stewart of Golden that you be invited to do it. Brother Teitsworth I saw at the depot a few days since and he says "Amen" to it. I hope that the way will be clear for you to do it and if so I hope that you will not be over modest in giving us the "Centennial" history of your labors and the results since you came here. If desired I would preach the dedication sermon at Longmont if no one else is booked for it. I presume that Dr. Lord will be made the Moderator. All well and send love to you and yours.

Most truly yours,
T. E. Bliss.

Albuquerque, Osage City, Kansas.
September 11, 1876.

Dea Brother Jackson,

Your kind letter received and thanks for names of brethren &c. Will write them. I want to see neighboring brethren here--also as to best arrangement-whether to group among ministers already here or get a man in my place. Some of the brethren want me to stay my year out--until May 1st, at least-so as to help more than by going sooner. I will do the best I can-I dread the effect of leaving anyhow and hardly see how I could unless some one takes my place whom the people could be united in. It is a pleasant field, my audiences are good and the prospect encouraging. I have thought perhaps that the Lord has a work here for me to do beyond what I contemplated when I first returned. Now I am very busy repairing our church and finishing the other for dedication. I am ready to follow the Lord's directions and trust all will be plain. I wrote you at

Denver a short while ago. I have written to make inquiries about Albuquerque. I think Silver City the more encouraging field and the one better adopted to my capacity &c. I wrote to Annin and asked him to write to Mr. Clark-formely his elder-who is now in Albuquerque. I will thus get better posted about Albuquerque. Glad you called on our folks in Washington, wish I could have met you there. Brother has returned to Florida. I do not ofcourse wish to force the Fla. matter if the board does not wish to occupy that field. I understood that they did not wish to occupy it. Was not the lanten a tiresome place? Worse than staging but most interesting however.Hope you are enjoying yourself and will get home safely. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girlds.

Your brother in Christ,
W. W. Curtis.

Greely, Colorado. September 12, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Supt. Home Missions.
My dear Sir:

I feel the necessity at the present time of addressing you respecting our little church here at Greely and your counsil touching letters of connection with and dismissal from the church. The feeling between church and pastor is much the same as it was one year ago but little fraternal feeling existing. Those members not endorsing the vindication administration of church affairs by the pastor or officiating pastor have been coldly instructed by him to discontinue their connection with the church there-by quite a number of the oldest members of the church have been compelled to ask for dismissal and when those letters of dismissal were procured they were entirely devoid of the semblance of church letters save in form in most instances; subjecting the members to such indignities that they felt compelled to ask for their oridinal letters, that is the letters they presented when asking connection with the church. Here I desire to state my question Have members when discontinuing their connection with the church a right to ask or demand their origional letters? They have been repeatedly asked for by retiring members of this church for reasons above stated and have been refused with the reply"The church nor session have no controll of original letters". Mrs. Eli Hall desires me to mention her name personally as one of the above members as she presented her letter to you at the time of her formation of the church I believe, not knowing postively that her original letter was in the poss-

ession of the officers of the church. An answer at your convenience is solicited. I am very respectfully.

Your brother,

M. V. B. Gifford.

Galesburgh, Ill. September26, 1873.

Recommended them to appeal to Presbytery for redress.

Sheldon Jackson.

Galesburgh, Ill. Sept. 26, 1873.

Mr. M. V. B. Gifford.
Greely Colorado.

My dear Sir:

Yours of September 12 has been forwarded to me at this place &c. My first thought was that I would come up and see you as soon as I returned home but Mr. T. is so bitter toward me personally that perhaps it would be wiser and better for you that I keep away for the present. The Presbytery is the party to afford you relief. I would suggest as your proper course, that you draw up a statement of your greviances closing with the request that Presbytery send a committee to examine into the affairs of the church and have it signed by as many of the church and congregation who feel as you do, and then send it to Rev. T. E. Bliss. Denver, Colorado with the request that he bring it before Presbytery. Mr. Bliss is the active member of the Presbyterian committee of Home Missions and the proper person to take charge of the matter. As to the church letters, the session may not be able to return you the original church letters as they are sometimes destroyed and they are cancelled by the more recent church connections and therefore of no value. But as I understand the rules of the church members in good and regular standing have a right to demand clean letters in the usual form and if the session do not grant such letters the aggrevied party have the right of appealing to Presbytery for redress. My work is in the newer fields and I have nothing more to do with Greely than Mr. Stewart of Evens or any other minister of the Presbytery. But if you lay your case before Presbytery they will see that you have justice done you. My advice to you all is not to leave the church, but ask Presbytery for relief from your burdens.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN,

Tucson, Arizona, April 8, 1876.

My Dear Friends:

After leaving the Rio Grande Valley, we passed up over a succession of high table lands called the Mexicano "Mesos". For 60 miles there was only one place where water was to be had. Travellers buy their water at many places in this country at 10 cents a glass or 30 cents for a horse or mule.

We reached Ft. Cummings, an abandoned U. S. Military post about 10 P. M. There we took supper. At 7 next morning, we were at hot springs. They are about 15 feet in diameter and 5 feet deep. Have thrown up a mound 20 feet high of their own deposits. Water is sulphur, soda and iron, and too hot for comfortable bathing. Small hotel there for invalids. At 1 P. M. we passed Ft. Bayard and at 2 were at Silver City. At Silver City the driver very kindly delayed about two hours for me to have a talk with Rev. Mr. Curtis, who is about leaving there. His old churches in Kansas have persuaded him to return to them. The people of Silver City are very reluctant to let him go, as he is greatly beloved by all classes. He will meet me next week in Arizona, and we will journey together, through Arizona and California to Denver or Cheyenne. Late in the afternoon we left Silver City on a one-seated "Buck Board". There were 400 pounds of mail heaped on in front and back, so that there was no alternative but to sit bolt upright. Once I tried to crouch down between the seat and dash-board, but small as I am, it could not be done with comfort, so strapping myself to the seat lest I should get asleep and fall off I got through the night as best I could. There were no houses between stations. The first house west of Silver City was 35 miles, which we made in 5 hours. There we took supper---2 fried eggs, fried beef and cup of coffee---$1. There was a grand Canon there with grand rocky scenery which showed well with a full moon.--Our next house and station was 22 miles. We had a pair of wild horses and made the distance in 3 hours. At this station (Ralston) were 4 men. Their house was an armory of guns and revolvers.

Our next house and station was Ft. Bowie in Apache Pass, 50 miles distant, and without water on the route. This we made by noon on Thursday. The Post is nearly to the summit of the range at the head of a wild gorge, through which they have a magnificent view of the valley and mountains beyond. At this point also, is an Agency of one band of the Apache Indians under the care of the Dutch Reform Church. A large number of Indians were around. A few years ago they were on the war path, and there is no knowing how soon they will be again. There has however been so much distraction going on that there are now seven women and children to every man at some of the Agencies. Getting dinner, we struck across

through and over the mountain (the Apache reservation) 35 miles to (Point of Rocks) our next station, which we reached just after sundown. At Point of Rocks we secured a covered wagon for the rest of the trip and were joined by 2 other passengers. The night was very cold. We reached Dunbars about 2 A.M. and while they were changing the mail got about half an hours sleep in a big chair before the fire-place.
At 7 A.M. we were at Ramsey's Station. They were missionaries, lived in a low one-story house built of cactus. We were now in the region of Cactus. They were beautifully fluted, Cactus 2 feet in diameter and 35 feet high, like the most beautiful Corinthian columns and thousands of them covered the plains and mountain sides. Cacti of various species and almost every conceivable form and shape. Some of them were in flower.--- For two days past we had been riding through beds if verbenas in flower, also the California poppy (the yellow flower we cultivated at La Crescent); also blue and purple flowrrs, whose name I do not know. We reached Tucson about 11 A.M. and as I had been 6 days and 5 nights on the coach I went to bed. About 3 P.M. got up, washed, had a good cup of tea and felt better. Soon after was invited to lodge with J. P. Clum, former Elder of Santa Fe Church, and take my meals at Dr. Lord's, who are members of Dr. Roberts Church at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

I was agreeably surprised at the condition of things. The village has a population of 4000, including 300 Americans. It is a better built and more tidy town than Santa Fe. As there is no protestant church or minister here, I am receiving a very warm welcome from all denominations. Have already found six communicants. This morning passed several market wagons with fresh vegetables, and after my long diet of meat and eggs through New Mexico, the vegetables have a good relish. Oranges are also abundant and I am feasting on them. There is one kind of orange brought from Sonora that is both bitter and sour---probably a wild orange.

Most of the hay in this market is brought in on the heads of Indian women. Several loads have passed the door this morning. Some of these bundles of hay will weigh as high as 150 to 160 pounds. Some squaws will walk off with much ease with two sacks of flour on their heads.

This is a beautiful and fertile valley capable of sustaining a large population. Arizona is very much like California, having large vallies of very good fertility, a good fruit country and will have a large population as soon as they can come in by railroad. This is an old country. Europeans visited this place 85 years before the landing at Plymouth Rock

Saturday P. M.

People are quite fashionable here. Breakfast 7 to 7 1/2; lunch 12 to 1; dinner 5 to 6. After lunch Messrs. Clum and Stout, two Indian agents under the care of the Reform Dutch Church, took me in an ambulance down nine miles to see one of the old Spanish Mission Churches, San Xavier Del Bac. It was

built about 100 years ago. Has a chime of 5 small bells; is built of brick, the same general style of the old churches around San Antonio, only in much better preservation than those, and much more elegant and costly in its decorations and frescoing. When new it must have been more elegant and rich in its decorations than any church I have ever seen. I know of nothing in New York City more showy. We counted over 50 large sized statues, besides over a hundred small ones of cherubs and angels, etc . There are 37 of these small ones over the altar. There are over 50 historical paintings on the walls and angels and saints almost without number worked in the frescoing. Has a good chime of 5 small bells. The Nuns in charge showed us a few of the ancient vestments in rich silk and altar ornaments in solid silver and gold vessels. At one time it is said that the silver in the altar decorations was worth $40,000. Its builders and former congregations have passed away. Many were murdered by the Indians. The place is now surrounded by a village of Papago Indians who reside in hay-thatched huts; are the present owners of and worshipers in this grand old church.

Four Nuns occupy the old Convent and keep a school for the Papago children. I am more and more pleased the more I see and hear of this section of Arizona. Tucson is much pleasanter looking and tidy place than Santa Fe. The bright green broad barley fields with which it is surrounded give a cheerful appearance to the landscape.

If I have time will write again on Monday or early next week.

Mary will please forward this to Mother---Mother to Louise--and Louise to me care of Board of Home Missions, P. O. Box 3863. New York City, N. Y.

With much love to you all,

Sheldon Jackson.

Pima Indian Agency, Arizona.
April 12, 1876.

Dear Friends:

Last Sabbath I held the first Presbyterian service that was ever held in Tucson and organized the first Presbyterian and second Protestant Church ever organized in the Territory. Service was held in the Court House, with an attendance of about 100.

J. P. Clum, formerly Elder at Santa Fe was made Ruling Elder: ex-Governor McCormick gives the church eligible lots for building. Mr. Clum presents them with a good cabinet organ. They hope to build by next fall an adobe church with board floors. The whole protestant element of the community gives the new movement their hearty sympathy. Sabbath afternoon the Governor was invited in to dine and meet me. In the evening we had a Praise meeting. They have a number of good singers among the citizens.

On Monday news was brought in of an outbreak of the Chir-ai-chuai Apache Indians. We staged it through their reservation all day last Thursday and on the next day (Friday) they were on the war path. The troops are out after them and couriers have been sent out to warn the scattered farming settlements.

Monday evening I took the stage for this Agency. Tuesday morning we reached Montezuma Station near the celebrated ruins of the Casa Grande. I left the stage there and hired an Indian to go over to the Agency (14 miles) and ask them to send down the ambulance for me. In the mean time procuring an Indian guide. Spent the day among the ruins of Casa Grande.

You will find a lengthy description them in Bancroft's Native Races, vol. 4, page 621. They were visited by Coronado, a Spanish General as early as 1540. Have also been visited by Humboldt and other celegrities.

Within the last few weeks the Historical Society of Paris, France, has had an agent here making collections.

Returning to Montezuma the ambulance was ready and I came on to the Agency. This morning I take the coach for Prescott, where I expect to spend the Sabbath.--- Love to you all.

Sheldon Jackson.

Some of the barley fields are out in head --

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Prescott, Arizona, April 15, 1876.

Dear Family:

At the Pima Agency on Wednesday I secured a good specimen of Pima pottery, and small basket, also an ancient stone axe. After leaving there we passed for some distance through the Pima reservation, crossed the Gila River and struck across the bottom lands to the valley of Salt River. Where we crossed the Gila had about the same amount of water that Schoharie Creek has at Mr. Voorhees' Salt River was as large as the Mohawk, and the best cultivated valley I have met with since leaving Colorado There is one farm of 2000 acres that with improvements is held at $150,000. The Pima farms have been cropped 300 years without any diminution of their fertility. Many years two crops a year They sow wheat and barley in December or January, harvest in June and then plant corn on the same ground. After crossing Salt River we came upon the ruins of ancient irrigating ditches--- the main one as large as the Erie Canal. We crossed a vast plain covered with cactus and sage brush, that is crossed and recrossed in every direction with ditches, showing that centuries ago it was cultivated either by the early Spaniards or more ancient tribes that once had a home in this section. During the afternoon on this same plain we passed a large flat mound, containing about an acre on top, and surrounded by the ruins of a wall about half a mile along. The Indians claim that it was an old Jesuit church, but I think it must have been before the time of the Jesuits, or it would not have been so thoroughly disintegrated. Nine miles beyond the crossing of Salt River we came to Phoenix, an

American town of a few hundred people in the midst of this beautiful farming community. It must yet make a flourishing place. Thursday morning we reached Brickenburg, a miserable place of 50 people. It is near the celebrated Vulcan mine and once had a population of one or two thousand, but the mines have not been worked for three years and the place has fallen into decay. Here we had to wait from 6 P.M. until the California stage arrived in 6 A.M. to order to make connections with Prescott. The only place to sit down was the billiard and drinking saloon. I went to bed and slept away the forenoon, and in the afternoon hugged the fireplace of the billiard hall and read the papers. By the way with the exception of two warm days in the Rio Grande valley and one at Tucson I have been uncomfortably cold during the whole trip. So far as I now remembered, every day that I have been in the stage, I have ridden with my overcoat on. Except in the low valley of the Colorado, and lower Gila this country is not near as hot as has been represented. Its general features are the same as those of Colorado and Wyoming. Prescott at an elevation of between six and seven thousand feet has very much the same climate as Colorado Springs. Tucson is lower and warmer. But the hot place that has given reputation to the whole Territory is Yuma, where gun barrels have been known to become so hot as to discharge their load. All witnesses agree in the remarkable healthfulness of the Territory taken as a whole. I am both surprised and delighted at the character and resources of the country. It will yet make a richersection and have a larger population than either Colorado or New Mexico. It has been kept back by the Apache Indians and the want of railway communication. But a short time will change this. Thursday at Wickenberg was spent with the most villainous and cutthroat looking crew that I have met with on the trip. Yesterday morning after crossing the summit of a high range of hills, we rolled down into Prescott.

With much love,
Sheldon Jackson.

Steamer Senator, Pacific Ocean,
April 25, 1876.

My Dear Friends:

I left Prescott, Arizona, just one week ago to-night. The ride over the summit of Granite Mountains was very fine---Highest elevation of the road was about 10,000 feet. We were up in the region of snow. The descent on the south was wilder than any stage road I have been over. It was steeper than Snake River Pass but quite smooth. We went down on a good trot. After crossing the Mountain I went inside the stage and made a bed in the Express box, where I slept fairly. Wednesday morning we were at Wickenbergh . After breakfast we crossed a waterless plain of about 35 miles. Passed the graves of some who had perished from thirst, and others who had been murdered. One place where the coach had been captured by Mexican bandit and another place taken

by the Indians, who scalped the passengers, burned the coach and ate the horses.

We rode all day through a wild region covered with innumerable flowers. That night I strapped myself to the top of the coach and slept where I could stretch out at full length. The next morning we reached Erhenburgh on the Colorado River. It is a small shipping place of 20 or 30 houses. Groups of half-naked Yuma Indians stood around the corners. After breakfast we crossed the river on a ferry and were in California. Passing through several miles of bottom lands we reached the Mesa or high table land and entered upon the dessert again. At noon we took dinner at a Stage station the walls of which were built of fire-wood laid up in mud mortar. That night again slept on top of the coach. We were now in what is really the American dessert. There was no water, no grass, no flowers, only bunches of Glass wood and Mesquite bushes in the wastes of sand. About 4 A.M. Friday we came to a large, warm sulphur spring, by the side of which were growing two Palm trees. There was a house there and a stage station. It was an oasis in the dessert. Africa in America! The spring was 10 or 15 feet in diameter. The place is known on the Map as Two Springs. All day Friday we passed through Indian villages which were at the base of the hills bordering on the dessert. About 10 A.M. we took breakfast at Indian Wells. These Indians like all those I saw in Arizona, live in small grass thatched huts. Many of them about 8 feet in diameter and 6 or 7 feet high.--- Crossing the dessert we were at one point 240 feet below the level of the ocean. We also saw what seemed the sails of a ship off on the southern horizon---a mirage . Some think that the wreck of a ship said to have been discovered in the California dessert a few years ago was a mirage. I believe expeditions were fitted out to visit it. But presume they never found it. We toiled on all day Friday through heavy sand and dust, our six horse team scarcely being able to get off a walk. Just before sundown there was a rain and snow storm in the mountains bordering on the desert and we had some remarkably beautiful cloud effects. One of which was the end of a rainbow resting upon a peak in such a way as to appear like a volcanoe in action. There was represented a column of fire shooting up about 100 feet and off to one side but connected with it a column of smoke.

About 8 o'clock that evening we reached "Seven Palms" the end of the railway and my long stage ride of about 1800 miles was ended. We took the cars about 11 at night and the next forenoon at 10 o'clock we were at Los Angeles, the City of Angels. Nine miles south of Los Angeles we passed the San Gabriel Mission, one of the chain of Jesuit settlements from San Antonio, Texas, to San Francisco The old building is in good state of preservation. Large Palm tress were waving and some of the Cactus fences were 10 and 12 feet high. There is now near it a Presbyterian Colony from Indiana.

Saturday afternoon I rode all around Los Angeles and visited the famous orange orchards. The air is so laden with the perfume of orange blossoms as to be oppressive. Orange trees are as common here as apple trees in New York State, and yet oranges are cheaper in New York City than here. Yet I am having all I care to eat of them. Spent Monday in writing my report to the Board and now am on my way to San Francisco by steamer. Hope to reach Denver on May 4th. Much love to you all.

Sheldon Jackson.

St Los Angeles met Mr. Allen (Bro. of Uncle George) and his son James.

Prescott, Arizona. September 13, 1876

Dear Dr. Jackson,

We poor missionaries would not indulge in the luxury of photographs but an artist here requested us to sit and we did so. He gave us some and at your request we send by this mail. Your letter reached us a week or more ago. Thanks for advice I think we shall organize next Sabbath although all the letters have not arrived. The work at Williamson's valley still prospers Our goods have just come and we are consequently a little more comfortable. The freight on two trunks and a very small trunk was over forty dollars from San F.--about 11cents a pound. A other box sent from Wisconsin will cost twenty or twenty-five more. We have been obliged to take a boarder to help us out, I wash and wipe dishes and we scrub along together the best we can. But the encourgement in church work is very great and that makes other burdens lighter to bear. I met Governor Safford last week and he said that Brother Anderson had not arrived in Tucson . With regards to Mrs Jackson, I am

Cordially yours,
John A. Merrill.

Willowbrook., September 14, 1876.

Dear Christion friend,

Your kind letter of the 20th. of August was most welcome. I was rejoiced to hear that you had gotten safely back from your long and tiresome journey and I do thank you for the labor you have performed in visiting the military posts in New I was very sorry that you had not seen General He had a long and fatiguing march to his new post of duty and I think he has not yet reached his destination, I am now looking forward with much interest to your coming to Auburn. We have agreed to defer the Fall meeting of the Union Mission School Association until you can be with us.I thank you for having thecircular letter printed and for taking means of sending it to the posts and also for the questions which you have had printed. Oh! that the knowledge of the Lord may fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. That the true gospel might be preached to every creature. If agreeable to you our soceity will unite to give $100 at once and will hand you the remaining $100 when you come to Auburn. But I think our secretary Mrs. Townsend will write to you. The question now is "Can we find a suitable man who will visit the military posts in one district? (which includes from 20 to 24 posts). If this corporation or

mining be in clergyman or layman could once be started, I think the work would go on until every military district would have some one to care for the soulds of the poor soldiers. We will talk about this when we meet, in the mean time we must be gathering publications of a useful kind for distribution at the posts. My son John's wife is just going to join her husband at Fort Scott, Indian Territory. There is a wide field for missionary work amoung the soldiers and the Indians. The field is ripe to the harvest may the dear Lord send forth laborers. Mrs. Ahyowdn is with me in very delicate health. If strength is secured she expects to go with her husband to India when Gen. Ahyowdn regaines his new station. Hoping soon to hear from youand with many thanks for the kind service you have done us. Believe me ever truly your friend,

Cornelia M. Martin.

I want your oppinion about Santa Fe as I am interested in having new buildings used for school purposes there.

Prescott, Arizona. september 18, 1876.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Your letter dated Carlisle, September 11, has just reached me. I hasten to reply and thank you for the donation of fifty dollars. Wife and I had made up our minds to pull through by economy &c and should have got along with out assistance, though the treasury only showes seven dollars. The board has given me every thing asked for thus far. When you write to the "friend" who provided the money please give him our thanks. When I wrote to you last we expected to organize on the 17th,- yesterday- but several letters had not come and we found it impracticable. I gave notice yesterday that we should organize in two weeks--October 1st,. This we shall do with out fail God willing. The work at Williamsons continues to prosper. I am amazed at the interest taken by the people of that valley. I sent you photragraphs of Mrs. Merrill and nyself by the last mail. Hope you have received them. Forgot to say while on the subject of church that I have made arrangements with Mr. Wright by which the Presbyterians are to have their share of money collected after the organization. The people are still very anxious to have their place of meeting but no arrangement have been made. I am not anxious about it myself, for I should be sorry to stop work at Williamson's valley. Again thanking you for your efforts in our behalf and with regards from Mrs. Merrill to yourself and Mrs. Jackson, I am

AAffectionately yours,

John A. Merrill.

Your paper comes regularly thanks.

Corinne, Utah. September 18, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother,

The circumstances connected with the church have been improved. Business is livlier and my congregations were never so full. My commission ended first of August. On the absence of any request from the church--and Brother Welches sad affliction and continued illness it will devolve upon you to have it renewed before Presbytery meeting to comply with the two months rule$800 from the board as a Home.

S. L. Gillespie.

Denver Colorado. September 19, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.

Dear Brother,

The time draws nigh when we shall look for your return. Be assured that we shall be glad to see you back again with your family. To-day I learned from Mr. Hawley that the Central church had invited Rev. Mr. Reed of Brooklyn (you know him) to come and labor with them for nine months! They sent a message by telegraph to-day. The 17 Street people are expecting early in October-a Rev. Mr. Chambers from Los Angeles-I believe it is He is to supply them a Sabbath or two on his wat East. But whether it will amount to anything we know not. At the suggestion of Bishop Spaulding I gave them the name of Rev. Mr. Van Cleve of Sewickley. Allegany Co/ Pa. who is the brother-in-law of the Bishops. He preached here a year or more ago and we liked him. I don't know of a man who would fill the bill better judging from his appearance in my pulpit&c. September 22nd., the Longmont church would like Mr. Hawley but he writes that he is going to the 2nd. congregational church in Amherst and has ordered the rest of his household effects here to be sold. The second choice of the Longmont people is Rev. Mr. Lowrie (late of Colorado Springs)and I expect he will come. His Mother and Sister are here keeping house in Dr. Thacker's office and the room in the rear. I expect that Dr. Lord will preach the dedication sermon at Longmont but we want you prepared on a historical sermon.

My wife was recently "confined" with a "still born" child. She is doing as well as could be expected. Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain

very truly yours,

T. E. Bliss.

P. S. A piano for you is at the depot here.

Denver, Colorado. September 20, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother,

In this year of memorials and historical discources it has occured to some of the brethren of the Presbytery of Colorado that it would be intirely proper that you be invited to prepare and deliver such a discourse at the next meeting of this Presbytery at Longmont on the 17th., of November next, Will you please make ready accordinly and oblige,

Your brother in Christ,
John F. Stewart.
T. E. Bliss.
D. E. Finks.
A. Y. Cowhick.
L. F. Hamilton.
John Wilson(Georgetown)

Evanston Wyoming Territory,
September 20, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have not been to Ogden since I last wrote you and hardly think it advisable. I can not go and spend a day or two with out it costing me nearly or quite ten dollars and as long as the Congregational minister is there our people do not think it best to move in the matterand wholly discourage my coming. Yesterday I received from New Yoatk two quarters salary. The occasion of the delay was on account of my not taking up a collection. I was waiting until we should have better congregations. I thank God the small-pox has entirely disappeared. When will we have a meeting of Presbytery? We adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator--Brother Welch-is moderator poor man! May he find the promise most precious though he may not be able to attend. Can you not through him call a meeting? There are several matters I want to bring before the Presbytery. Minnie is about moving to Alma, their house is small not room for the children for a long time also no schools, D. V. I want to go to Iowa the last of October and expect to be married to a Miss Ramsay, cousin of Rev. S. Ramsay of Harlem New York, She has been spending the summer with her cousin. I trust that she will be a great help to me in my work. She has been teaching the past year in Denmark Academy where Conny is at school. Has been much in my sisters famil: Pray for us. May God direct us in the great home mission work before. With kind regards to

Mrs. Jackson. I remain
Yours in Christian love,
F. L. Arnold.

Cincinnati, September 26, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Received a note saying you expected to be home (D.V) October first. I hope you will visit Trinidad as early as you can, They will need attention and the Methodist church will push their advantage if our church lay by on their oars and do nothing of that however I fear but little. When I left they, our church intended to agigate building at once and they ought to be at work. You can help and encourage them. I think with help the board of church erection would give--in case I failed to raise money-they can get up a housewhich we can worship in. We have seats and lamps which are used in the hall. I want to raise $800 or $1000 Tomorrow-Sabbath- I have the use of the pulpit in Mt. Auburn and Avondale and one city and I have engagements with some pulpits in Dayton Presbytery. I shall get something even though I fall below $800 or $1000 But get them to begin. If in case all else fails the Board would give $500 they could go ahead build and enclose and we could have a church home now please go and see them. Also please write me as plainly as you can the condition of the church. It has been a very unpleasant year to me at Trinidad. I have anxiously thought of returning with the intention of resigning in the Spring. Some time I question whether I ought to take my wife where she must be treated so shabbily. It is little short of martydom to suffer as she has from the tongues of the church members, Another thing I want you to visit Trinidad and see whether the place is pernament enough to justify building, I thought it was but new developments may have changed every thing and we may have to go to El Moro yet. I'll go on and get money any how. Address Franklin Warren Co. Ohio.

John L. Gage.

Del Norte, Colorado.
September 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have three brief notes from you before me. I keep forgetting the inquiry about the money order for $10. I'll see to it. I know it was dult sent. I've also forgotten the

Penetents article you saw published but by last "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" I judge you have gotten it. This Carnero Creek is only 18 miles from here. I have been so busy that I have not written any thing for your paper. My horse has carried me over 900 miles since the middle of June. Our church at Lake City is enclosed/I judge by this time. My brother George, Mr. Darley, is building it and in my absence preaches twice alternating with the M. E. preacher. Runs prayer meeting at which between 20 and 30 gather. George is very popular and I was agreeably surprised to find the M. E. preacher bringing a request from his number to out session that we might not bring on a minister this year but have George stay. His services, though he is only a student under my instructions are quite acceptable. He has devoted him self some what late in life to the ministry of the word and comes to me seeking an education. He did good service in Texas as a lay preacher. At present writes and rewrites his sermons carefully and I have over looked most of them before deliverance. He is 50 years of age: I just gave him a call to Colorado to engage in Colpertage for our board of the committee on which I am chairman and did it on basis of promise of Irwin of St. Louis to Presbytery--in a letter read after you left Presbytery--to support a man if we would appoint one. I wrote of George's appointment and the "crawfished" and left George in the lurch. Want of money he said. So said Schenck whom I woke up when Irwin proved so incompetent as to make a big showing and no weeks meeting for the faith he stirred up in us. I have always had a special interest in work of Board of Pabu, and I feel badly to think that with one exception-Reed's failure-we have been neglected for 17 years by this so called "Pioneer Board"! Has there been any other than Reedy? Let me know. Colorado with its long drawn out settlement -its scattered hamlets and mining camps affords the most interesting and fit field for that board that there is. And we have been and are neglected. I wrote Irwin that a man ought to have $400 to get wagon &c. and twice the wage of the Eastern colperteur who gets about $35. a month. He would necessarily have to camp out &c. When that failed and Brother heard of my purpose to build he offered to come and build it for $50. a month and his board leaving a promised salary of $2500 per annum to do so. We excepted his offer and he is at work. Our church will cost, build, painted, plastered, and furnished $1700. including lots costing $225. and will seat from 50 to 170 people. Brothers advice saved us over $400. I am greatly desirous of keeping him in the field as a helper for we could go annually while he is studying with me, organize, raise money to build and he build preach and carry on work in my absence &c. He could fill outlying points which are too numerous for

me to occupy. He could be a church builder for the Presbytery as he is a skilled mechanic, no mean architect an inventer and a fine business man with decided talent as a preacher. In three years I can make him beat me preaching. I do not want to lose so valuable a man from our Presbytery. Financially he is at present no where. If he receives his property ay present unlawfully sequestrated he will be able to work independently of aid; but it is in doubt and he cares but little for it. Can anything or way be devised to help me hold him here. He could preach every Sabbath for me this winter using my home while I was here at work. He could study and be better able to take hold next year. Can you and I raise enough to outfit him for colpertage work-the $400?could he get somewhat of a salary as an assistant in my labors, additional to what certain portions of my fields might give? Are there churches to be built in the Presbytery? Where he could live and study somewhat At Lake we put an 8 to 10 cabin on church lot- to be used afterwards as an out house in which he lives, studies &c. We call it the "parsonage". I stopped there when at Lake,saves expense, He has an educated wife and two little boys. All he asks is a bare support. The church may want him to stay in Lake this winter- $30 out side aid would keep there with his family until May 1877. I've written the board about it and the contingency. Dr. Kendall said he would see you at Synod about it. My own preference on account of conglomerate characters of church and jealously of the congregationalists which I fear feel sore over lots of so fine a point- the best in all this country, as a center of radiation-- is for a regular minister. I have as you see advertised for a man and have 15 applications and they are almost with out exception good ones. I shall urge the church to call one of them, I'll send you the remainder of the application in October after church has picked as I understand several churches are to be vacant soon. Pueblo church wrote me an invitation to come to them in October and I wrote that work was not done here and wanted to get a church into each of my five remaining counties. If I had Brother I could I think easily get an organization and build annually. A church building missionaty is no novelty in Colorado, for French-baptise- says he so uses his Sunday School Missionary-Clark- in that way. Because new no proof of wrong or unsuitable, I have sometimes wished that Presbytery and the Home Board would commission me to a field just long enough to organize, build and get them a pastor, and then transport me family and goods to some other point and there repeat the programme and on again. I concluded not to go to Silverton because while I believed I could have organized I could not have nursed it through and thought better to cultivate Lake thoroughly- make a good point and let the

laggard Congregationalists brethren have some points. If fraternal understanding meant any thing Silverton, when Perkins went there would not organize Cong. Church but only an Independent Union Church!!! He lived at Silverton and visited outstations &c. Allof these can be reached from Lake City better than from Silverton with one or two exceptions, and to have a man this winter at Lake to take advantage of early Spring of the camps fast becoming towns will give us the inside tract, You know snow shuts me out until later. You saw what a narrow escape I had last Spring. Have you any good chances for our Lake church an organ-pulpit furniture- or a bell. Could you make up a strong appeal for a bell for first church on Pacific slope in Colorado and all San Juan country 1000 square miles of country. I do not know what string to pull to get these things &c. Pleas let me know and help me, We dedicate church in Lake the middle of November 1876. I heard Stewart was about leaving , is it so? I want to send petition for organization at Lake to Presbytery, also petition for $500 to board of church erection. Will it be safe to send it to Stewart? Is it a fact that Presbytery meets on November 17-?Still at Longmont? I wish I could come! Still adding a few here. waters has gotten me backwards&c. Regards to wife and Rugait.

Yours faithfully,
Alex. M. Darley.

Albany New York. September 25, 1876.
No. 3 Elk. Street.

My dear Dr. Jackson,

I want to ask your advice and assistance in regard to our mission at Laguna. We have done our best this summer to raise funds for it, but with out much success. Before leaving home this summer I wrote the enclosed circular which was published in the "Observer" and also 500 copies printed for private distribution, The result however has not been encouraging. Only about $15 or $20 has come to our treasurer in answer to our appeal. Our ladies here are all interested in missions but owing to the depressed state of the times do not feel that they can do much. We propose sending next month a box to Mrs. Menaul and are thinking of getting up some sort of entertainment to raise funds still it is very up hill work especially as there are several charitable institutions in Albany who are making musical efforts this Fall to get funds. Now we thought that you might get some soceity to help us for we do not wish the mission so auspiciously commenced to fail, and do not feel

that we can raise the money needed to carry it on. You know we never expected to give more than $500 a year towards it. Our soceity is a very small one and Mrs. Martin continues to be more interested in the army work than any other. We expect to have our next meeting on the 9th. of October. Will you write me at once that I may read the letter at the meeting, and let me know what you can do for the mission in the way of pecuniary aid. With kind regards, in which my husband joins. I am

Yours very truly,
S. R. Townsend.

Cimarron. New Mexico.
September 26, 1876.

Dr. Jackson.
Denver.
Dear Sir:

I shipped your property from Santa Fe about two weeks ago. I was sorry to delay the matter so long but I found it slow work in getting the collection together because all the pottery that came in the town for sale naturally went to the stores. I hope you will receive it all in good order. I was ordered here last week to take charge of this agency but do not know how long- hope for only a very short time. My family was well when I left home. Miss Bradley enjoys her visit very much indeed. Miss Clark did not like Albuquerque and has gone back to New York. Mr. Smith as you probably know expects his mother and sister out early in October to spend the winter. I was at Lagma a short time ago and found Dr. Menaul getting along very well appearing happier than I have ever seen him before. His new house will be very comfortable. No Presbyterian school at Santa Fe yet I am getting disgusted. Business is said to be business and if our church is not going to maintain a school at Santa Fe I wish they would say that they are not and relieve individuals of the odium of telling their lies. Business men can generally tell whether they can do any thing or not. A little cross this morning you see. I shall be pleased to hear from you at anytime. My address remaines unchanged.

Yours very truly,
B. M. Thomas.

Canon Colorado. September 27, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Sir;

I send you a letter from Roseville and you will please answer the following questions as we are in some doubt. (1) Is Miss Greenwood a member of Roseville church and are they interested in Canon on account of yours and her combined efforts in our behalf? (2) Are funds mentioned in the letter a portion of what has been raised and given our church this year or are they funds to be invested? (3) What position does Mr. Sceuk hold? Sunday school superintendent? You will oblige me by giving me a little light on Roseville, and you will be so kind as to return note to Mr. Scheuk. I have not only answered Mr.S. but have sent a long letter to Miss Greenwood and I hope they will learn something of Canon from the two.. I have been here two weeks since vacation and "All is well". Your letter reached me at Georgetown "Take the will for the deed" and thank you all the same as if you had loaned me the funds. Board sent me a draft in June to bring me home. Church erection funds are also on hand. Your telegram I never heard from save in your letter until I got home and learned it came here same evening I left. I am sorry you had so much trouble and am much obliged for all. And now that we are to be out of debt I am on the move for a bell rendered so necessary by way our services are arranged, our evening services will be on alternate Sundays and unless people are out for morning service they will not know when we have an evening service, unless we have a bell and many will remain at home who would gladly come had we a bell. I shall not scorn help from any who guarentee and we have a prospect from one town already. We must have a bell and an organ and I don't propose to rest until we are in possession of both. I should be glad to preach historical sermon but almost no material here and fiction is no good. Have you aught on Canon church? Please forward if so and I will do the best I can. Preached three times on Sunday last. Service in church and once at Preston. Rev. George. A. Paddocks congregationalists, a friend of Hon. Samuel P. Dale says he"is a first rate man" and has an idea you can get to fill one of the vacant Presbyterian pulpits. He is at Golden. Please address him at that place if you see proper.

Your Brother in Christ,

George N. Smith.

Prescott, Arizona. September 29, 1876

Dear Doctor;

I need a little more advice. I proposed to the people here and at Williamson's valley that we take a collection for the Home Board each Sabbath. They seemed willing to contribute but do not wish their contribution to go to the Missionary Board at all. They said that they pledged themselves to raise $500 if the Board would give $1500 towards a ministers salary and that such an understanding was had with you. I tried to explain that the Board had limited my salary to $1500 and that I had accepted the limitation but they won't hear to it. If I announce that the collection will be for the Board I will get almost nothing. Such being the case I am going to announce that all monies raised shall be saved for a church building, ofcourse deducting the running expences of the church. I have never quite liked the way the Board used me and as they are pledged to raise my salary, I think I shall give them the privilege and let the people keep their contributions until such time as they may wish to build. I wish you would tell me what to do in this matter. The people won't give to the Board for they say that they had an express arrangement that their contributions was to go toward the pastor's salary. Our work here and at W. valley goes on nicely. I collected $10 at the valley last Sabbath and sent it to San F. for singing books and papers. I will send you an account of organization services to be held day after tomorrow.

Yours cordially,
John A. Merrill.

Denver Colorado. September 29, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

My dear Sir and Brother,

Y r letter with "copy" from Greely and postal are before me . I have already sent off the papers and will see about the piano to-day. I regret very much the sickness of your little daughter and hope that it may not be long and severe. As to your historical sermon three brothers have already expressed their desire to have you do it and expect to hear from three more to the same effect soon. I have no doubt about the wish of most of the brethren and if Daisies' moving will admit of it I hope you will be prepared for it. I think I can fix it all right and trust you will return in time to do it. I will drop a line to Henry B. Gage about this and

the moderatureship &c &c. When Brother Stewart of Golden will return I know not. And now about Greely affairs. A few days since I had an interview with General Camenn of Greely. He seems to think that the same plan might be adopted by which the Presbyterian churches and Congregational churches of Greely might unite. He talked only fair about it. Shortly after I wrote to Brother Packard of Greely on the subject asking if his people would waive their church organization for the time being and unite Sabbath school, Prayer meeting, and Congregation and if he would unite with the Presbytery--provided the presbyterian church and the united congregations invited him to become their pastor and they all worship in the Presbyterian house and the Presbyterian Home Mission assisted the usual amount in his support. What his reply may be I can not tell. I wrote him "(Confidentially)" Judging from what I have recently heard from several scources Father Thompson is accomplishing nothing. I hear that brother Perkins who was sent here by the Cong. Board of Home Missions has gone East- and I guess that he came to my conclusion. I told him that he came "five years too late". Let me hear from you soon and always remember that you can safely call on me to do all I can for you-- for you-whose kindness to me and mine I shall always appreciate! My wife is improving. Love to your family.

Most truly &c.
T. E. Bliss.

New york September 29, 1876.

To the Moderator Stated Clerk and Members of the Synod of Colorado.

Dear Brothers:

We beg to call attention of your synod to and request its suitable action on the Resolutions on the work of Home Missions, adopted by the last General Assembly as found on pages 30, 31, and 32 of its printed minutes. Special reference is requested to Resolutions 4 to 10 inclusive.

Praying God's blessing on your meeting,

Fraternally yours,
H. Kendall.
Cyrus Dickson,
Corresponding secretaries of Board of Home Missions.

New York. September 30, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.
Galesburg, Ill.

My dear Brother,

Your two letters with enclosures are here. Express my deep sympathy to Miss Daisie. May God generously spare her precious life. I trust she loves Jesus.

As to the names you write I will give you my opinion next week. As for Eunka No Mr. Mc. Clain will stay. Whose arranged for him We have alreadysent a commission to Suely for $500 before your letter came. The Board can do nothing until the Presbytery acts in the mater. The Board has been aware of serious misunderstandingsamoung members of the Presbytery and others in Colorado for sme time past but as no official action has been taken it has rmained quiet. It is trusted that the Presbytery will do its whle duty. Mr. Welch will be here next week when the affairs of Utah will be considered fully. I am just now in correspondenc with the Church at Helena and also with a young man for its pulpit. I hope to hear his decision next week and let you know when I do. As to Missoula I will write you next week inclosing the case of Brother Finks.

Fraternally yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

Trinidad, Colorado. October. 1878.

Doctor Jackson,
Dear Sir;

I wrote you a few lines some two or three weeks ago and directed them to you but have had no answer yet. We are very anxious to have you come down soon. Could you be here the last Sabbath in this month. Our congregation are almost unanimous for a change and if you were to come down you could visit the people and know their feelings. Please give me an answer by Sabbath morning.

Yours truly,
W. S. Phillips.

Denver, Colorado. October--1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson--
Dear Brother,

In this year of Memorials and Historical discourses

it has occured to some of the brethren of the Presbytery of Colorado that it would be eminently proper that you be invited to prepare and deliver such a discourse at the next meeting of the Presbytery at Longmont on the 17th., of November next--or at some subsquent meeting of the same. Will you please make ready accordinly-and oblige,

John F. Stewart. John Wilson,
L. F. Hamilton. T. E. Bliss.
J. Y. Cowlick. D. E. Finks.

I think the above suggestion "eminently proper" and wise as you have had more opportunity for collecting data and studying the situation than any of the brethren of the Presbytery and I heartly concur in the above request.

R. L. Stewart. Sec. of Presbytery.

Brother Hawley writes that he can not be here and if it is thought best this might take the place of his sermon. However I think it would be better to have it delivered on Sabbath,

R. L. Stewart.

Deer Lodge, Montana Territory.
October 2, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

I send you the first of a few articles for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" respecting presbyterian home missions in Montana, I can't tell how many of them there may be. Hope no one will be bored by them and that I may not occupy too much space. I would rather you would not put my name at the head of the articles but sign my "non de plume" at the bottom. "Mont" is the signature. My kind regards to Mrs Jackson and the children. Use your best endeavor to have the board send a man to Missoula. I have written the board on the subject. Since I wrote I have seen Fred Kennett. He says the church in Missoula does'nt want me if I come only once a month and he told me moreover that if the board did not agree to send them a man soon that he would write to Bishop Tuttle to send a man and he would help support the Episcopal minister. Don't let this be done.

Yours with much feeling in the matter,
J. R. Russell

Elizabeth, New Jersey.
October 3, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I sent a "postal" to Galesburge saying that although much disappointed not to have you on the 18th. inst. we could not (that is Dr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Roberts and myself) persuade ourselves that you ought to come back so far just on account of this meeting. If the Board however should still propose other work for you in this direction, no arrangements we may now be obliged to make will interfere with me listening to your statement for I tell Dr. Roberts, we do not so much need a glowing popular, generlizing speaker as one pratical and to the point in the present aspect of the work. I think you will understand what I mean which is not at all to disparage the eloquence with which you are enabled to present the point in question. The meeting will not be a large one but I think some will be here from different parts of the state. Mrs. Roberts gave me yesterday her copy of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" for October to which you refer. If it is not likely that we can get in New York from 20 to 25 copies of it to distribute as special copies, could you probably get us that number here by the 18th. inst.? If in neither way we can get them here in time, I think it would still be well to send them by mail to different ladies in the synod and if possible to use it as the way may open in the promotion of work for the Home Missions. One needs tools in any work. I do not know whether this paper is a private enterprise, or wholly or in part connected with the Board as an organ but I intend to enquire about having copies of it on hand for the 18th. Perhaps our ministry generally sees it - if not a more general distribution of it that the one above proposed may be of service. Mrs. J. Mc. Van Wright's article, By God's Wedding, can be used to good advantage, now that you propose to establish schools a new motive can be brought before our christian women. The suggestion you made in article on 1st. and 2nd. column of 2nd. page will be easily understood I think and I trust may be carried out. Only these "hard times" do continue so "hard"--that it is a problem whether out of the abundance of poverty, any great increase in collection may for the present be expected. I hope your child has recovered from the fever. My love to Mrs. Jackson. With sincere respect,

Yours truly,
F. E. H. Haines.

Fort Collins. October 3, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Your letter received. We have just sent on an application to home mission committee applying for 200 more. We gave them one reason at length. Perhaps you have not heard we're building a church. The foundation is laid and after this erection expect to commence carpenter work. I have raised about $1100.00 Estimated cost 1800 and have sent an application to board erection for 600 aid. We are building after your little plan at Longmont. Closed in brick, stained windows. Hope to finish it this season. We have succeeded beyond expectations so far. Pray for us that nothing hinderes its speedy completion. I find that there is no use in undertaking to get along with out a church. I sent you at Helena a card with officers elect named. I have not heard that you received it. Elected from trustees and two elders. Our next communion occurs October 29. I sincerely wish you could make arrangements to be here then. I will either come after you at Greely or carry you back as I have a good team ane rig. Perhaps it will be most convenient and best to carry you back, or as you prefer. Stage leaves Greely Monday Wednesday and Friday in the morning say eight oclock. I may want you to bring up from Denver something for us and church. How it is about a missionary box? I think we would like one now better than ever before. write soon. I hope Daisy has recovered. Wife sends love to all and baby sends kisses.

your Brother in Christ. W. H. Teitsworth

P.S. Will consider the matter of fields and connections when you come as it can not be easily considered in a few words. Certainly no change at preseny ought to be made while we are building a church. Would like to have you present at communion also to baptise our baby, as we have been waiting for you.

New York. October 3, 1873.

Rev. Alex. M. Darley.
Del Norte, Colorado.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

Yours of the 22 September is at hand. Dr.K is going to visit some friends and attend synod in Minnisota. I answer yours therefore with out his counsil. It will be difficult getting a suitable man for Lake City in the short time you speak. Why would not "The Brother George" your "student" as you write of him do the plan this winter better

than any one else until Spring at least? If he is a godly, true, studious man, & help the people as you state why not let him exercise his gift in teaching and exorting them? He is on the ground and knowes it and is known to it. Now if he be the man in your best judgment for the place, mine inclines to coincide with yours, By Spring a suitable man can be found for the work if necessary. It may be good both for Lake City and Write at once how it appears to you. God bless you in your person, family and your work.

Fraternally yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

Corinne, Utah. October 3, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of the 27inst. was received with pleasure. Enclosed are the measurments for clothing. Brother Coyner writes that Mr. Welche' health is now improving and they expect him back November first. We wish Presbytery would favor us with their presence not a "flying visit" but a regular "communion season" and if possible let the business meeting be on Saturday and all stay over Sabbath. Out church here would I hope be greatly blessed and the pastor's hands held up by it, and our spiritual blessing which we so much need in this isolated work -secured. The church here has ernestly requested it and will make every possible exertion to entertain you, with all those you may bring with you. Finallt- this place was designated as the place for our Fall meeting. Mrs. Welch promised to make us a visit at that time with Mrs. Royle, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Doll or her Mother, Mrs Coyner and organize for us a missionary soceity. We want this programe carried out especially in honored memory of the one who proposed it. I have not heard directly from Brother Welch since his absence but hope no change will be made in the appointment of Presbytery to meet at Corime and also that it will continue over Sabbath each of the brethren coming prepared with a sermon. We are looking for a great spiritual blessing we await time of your appointment.

Very truly yours,
S. L. Gillespie.

Evans Colorado, October 3, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours of yesterday was duly received. The subject of it is one on which I have purposed writing you. The board wrote me with my commission that they were not pleased to divide the field Evans and Fort Collins and would bring the subject before Presbytery. The question presents itself to me as one very difficult to solve. One in which I have felt the need of Divine direction. I would like to do whatever is right, when I know what that right is. But it is not for the discussion of this question that I now write, you propos a visit of which we are all very glad and now I ask whether you can come up at the last of this week as we have communion on next Sabbath. Could you not come so as to preach Saturday evening as I have already announced a prepartory service on that evening and remain with us over Sabbath, during which time we will have opportunity of talking over the subject above refered to. I am sorry little Daisy is sick and hope and pray she will soon be well. Remember us kindly to Mrs. Jackson. Mrs. Stewart sends her regards and hopes you will be able to visit us.

Yours truly,

John F. Stewart.

Laguna, Valencia, Co. New Mexico.
October 3, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Enclosed please find a letter from Brother Gorman which explains itself. The bell is in good condition and worth the money and more. I have notified the ladies of this letter and told them they would receive it through you, so please forward it to them. Our work is still prospering. Our little church could not give the people standing room last Sabbath. About 200 were in the church and many out side. I have started the school with over 30 scholars. The house is all finished and ready to live in. It is all board floors except one room for lumber and store room. Will you please send to the bible house and get me two Spanish bibles (one large print if possible) and a Spanish and English testiment. Also to the tract soceity and get me a copy of each Spanish tract. The latter I would expect to use at present until I get a better knowledge of Spanish. Please have all sent soon and by mail. This work ought to have a full and prompt support. Very kind regards to yourself and family,

Yours in Christian love,
John Menaul.
I think it would be well to publish this letter.
J. M.

Trinidad, Colorado. October 4, 1876.

Doctor Jackson,
Dear Sir:

You are aware that we have been with out preaching the last month and unless you can come down and give us a little spiritual foot I am afraid some will wander from the fold. We need you to council with us very much. If possible come down and visit around the congregation so you will know the feelings of the people with regard to our minister. I shall say no more at present, but remain your friend truely,

W. S. Phillips

Pueblo, Colorado. October 7, 1876.

My dear Brother,

After writing you a few days since it came to my mind that I would run up and take a look at Boulder myself. I will leave here this month--that is give up the pulpit. My family will remain this winter. Our town is bankrupt the Board has not given the $1000 recommended them different times by the Presbytery. One of my elders is a fashionable card player but a good man I think. Mr. Foster, another elder was drunk at prayer meeting a few weeks since, he staggered in the aisle. A few days ago he was found in a cellar with a rope tied around his neck, had attempted suicide, rope broke and he had lain in an enfeebled condition in the cellar for two days. Mr. Iwin another elder is 18 miles in the country--and is embarressed beyond all hope of relief soon. Mr Louther's bank has failed and left all our Presbyterian folks in a strait. Some of our folks lost all they had by him-(the teacher lost $170.) Now can you get me out of this quietly? I will try Boulder this winter as I am here and can not get away. Will just go up as a supply and stay until Spring, but not move my family until the matter developes. This will give the church a supply with out the risk of some minister spending his estate in coming out on an appointment this winter. I would visit any other point that may be pleased to have a temporary supply until better acquainted. I am feeling happy in the thought that Mrs. Monfast

is improving so much in health. Let me hear from you very soon. I trust your child is better. Hastily,

Yout Brother in Christ,

I. W. Monfort.

Fort Collins Colorado. October 9,1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letter just received. We are very sorry to learn that Daisie is so low. Both of us will remember you in peayer daily. I have written you at Denver, that I would like to have you be present at our next communion service October 29. Hope all may be well with you and yours so that you may gratify us with your presence. If you would prefer to come by way of Longmont I will meet you there with my horses and carriage and perhaps take you back by Greely. Express to me as soon as you are able some preferences. Wife joins me in much love to yourself and family.

Yours in Christ,

D. E. Finks.

Del Norte, Colorado. October 9, 1876.

Dear Bro her Jackson,

I find that the $10 was sent to you by money order at New York on January 4, 1876. Mr Roberts of the "Prospector" says he has hunted over file of papers and cannot find article on Penitents. I send you an impression of our Del Norte church seal. Lake City one is the "Waldensian Seal" the ancient seal. You see the Del Norte seal. Is that of our General Assembly? Studley & Co. of St. Louis made them. Cost $6.50 a piece there. I tell you this for sake of the church organization.I go to Lake tomorrow. I hope to dedicate on next visit and to have a preacher for Lake, meet Presbytery on November 17th. I am anxiously expecting a letter from you,

Yours fraternally,

Alex. M. Darley.

Logansport, October 18, 1876.

Dr. Jackson,

Mr. Schofield wrote you about a lady of his congregation that wish to go to you and work as a missionary. She would leave it with you when she arrives there, she wishes to go at

her own expense. She is one of our choicest christians. she has waited one week in hopes of hearing from you. She goes this afternoon to Iowa where you can write her if you wise. She is educated and a perfect lady, you can use her as teacher or what ever you wish. Her heart is in the work of her Master. She is capable of teaching or what ever position you want her to take. Her address will be Morning Sun, Louise Co. Iowa. The name Mrs. M. E. Griffith. Mr. Schofield has gone to Synod wished me to write you as she is very anxious to hear from you. Logansport Presbytery convined here last Friday October 12, continued over the Sabbath and Monday the ladies had their second Presbyterian mission meeting at the same time. We are very much encouraged as the ladies are becoming enthusiastic over the work and feel that they must help us with this mighty work. Our Home Mission soceity which was organized last Winter is doing very nicely. I write you of our work because these l[illegible] h l[illegible]s must encourage you in your noble work.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. L. M. Schofield.

Morning Sun. October 31, 1876.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend,

I am very anxious to go to Denver under your escort as I dread the journey. Morning Sun is twenty three miles from Burlington and is very easily reached by morning or evening train, as they make close connections. I am stopping with Mrs. Alice Brown my aunt whose residence is easily found. She will esteem your stopping at her house a matter of rejoicing as her heart is much engaged in the mission cause.

Yours truly,

M. . Griffith.

Salt Lake City. October 19, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

I have heard nothing of you since we parted at Ogden, and I suppose you have heard nothing of me. My school and S. S. of Mount Pleasant are flourishing. I have improved the building greatly at an expense of about $150 All quiet on the Potomac. I have written to the ladies of the churches in Baltimore and Albany but with no success. The "Buskeye" girl rejects my proposition. Gillespie wants Presbytery. I am up

to my eye-brows in work here. Prospects for this church were never better if only Welch would return. He is now in New York and improving. Coyner is down--I fear seriously --

Yours &c.

D. J. Mc Millan.

What about our trip to St. George.

Elizabeth New Jersey. October 23, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir;

You would like to I know hear something of the meeting you could not attend. The Lord does provide for such occasions, though undertaken with so much ignorance and lack of service---the "Resolutions" I enclose in copy will give you the point of our conference. There are eight Presbyterian in New Jersey-- delegates from six of those were present and letters came from the seventh It was encouraging to see the deep interest taken by the women present both morning and afternoon in the objects presented as matters of practical importance. Foreign Missions were considered in the afternoon. We did not come together to be entertained but rather to ask "Lord what wilt thou have me to do"? These were representative meetings as you see but I suppose there were forty or fifty from out of town-and a part of the time our lecture room was quite full. The synod adopted some resolutions copy of which I will get to-day if possible and send you. I am so sorry but the fifty copies of your paper came just too late but we can still use them to advantage I hope. Dr. Roberts is quite tired out just now by the Synod meeting but preached yesterday. Rev. Dr. French of Morris town made some proposals (in private) about a convention before long if for more than one day-- Home Missions would have place--I will write (D. V.) if anything definite is proposed. I told him of what you had suggested. So let us continue to look to our Lord for guidance. We were all sorry that you could not be with us though the reason was well understood.

Yours truly and affectionately,

F. E. H. Haines.

Denver, Colorado. October 25, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Last evening I took from the office a letter from Longmont stating -that was-"not clear" for them to have

Presbytery to meet with them this year! They have not got into their church yet--have no seats for it have no pastor to entertain &c. &c. &c. I at once- sent the letter to Brother Stewart of Golden "Stated Clerk" is the proper one to attend to this matter and along with it sent him an invitation for Presbytery to hold its next session with the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Denver. I expect to hear or see Brother Stewart very soon and I presume that we will have the pleasure and the honor of having this Brother with us on the 17th,, of November, I wrote to the Secretaries at New York stating the condition of things at Longmont--Boulder--Velmont and Erio and suggested that Boulder and Velmont go together &c. and Finks go to Longmont and Erio--if the secretaries still thought it best for Stewart of Evans to give half of his time at Fort Collins. The church at Lake City have invited Rev. J. B. Anderson of Osroego Ill. to remain their pastor and he is expected there in November. They dedicated on the 27th., of November. I hear nothing from you about your family but trust that Daisie is better and that you all will soon be here. My wife continues to improve. Mr. Chambers preaches for the 17th., church one more Sabbath I hear and then goes I know not where. The Central church folks take out the pews from their old church to seat their new chapel with! That looks like hard times! With kind regards to your wife and family--I remain,

Very truly your brother in Christ,
T. E. Bliss,

Canon City, Colorado.
October 26, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother,

Do you know of any reason why I should not ask Roseville Church to send us $100 of those extra funds to help get our bell? They have done so much for us, I am unwilling to ask so much in one year and want your opinion on the subject. We are in great need of a bell and all feel the want of one very much indeed and as they have the funds all ready raised and intend them for us I am inclined to ask they be appropriated to a bell. We can soon succeed then with the aid we expect from other scources. please let me know what to do in this matter. I hope you are in Denver or soon will be.

Sincerely yours,
George. N. Smith,

Highistown. October 27, 1876.

Mrs. T. E. H. Haines.

My dear Friend:

I very much regret that my absence from home prevents me from complying with your request sooner. If not officially informed of the action of Synod the convention will no doubt hear from reliable sources what the Synod did and I trust that the absence of a certified copy of the resolutions will make no material difference. I send a copy of the resolutions presented by Dr. Roberts. If you think their publication in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" or somewhere would help the cause ther can be no objection to so doing. If I can serve you at any time or in any way it will give me pleasure to do so.

Respectfully and cordially yours &c.

J. B. Davis.

Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir,

The "convention" referred to by Rev. Mr. Davis was one on temperance respecting which subject he also sent me the Synod's Resolutions. I may send them to you. I have just returned from the above four days convention held at Newark and my hand is too tired to copy the resolutions very distinctly so you will please excuse the apparent carelessness. Dr. Roberts said the Synod would not appoint the ladies directly because they could only appoint members of their own body. Perhaps what is proposed may answer practically though not exactly givivg what was suggested but it is a decided step toward more organic recognition to have our convention noticed in the way you see-and directions given the committee of arrangements to provide for the "Women's Convention" as well as for the "Synod".

Yours truly,

F. E. H. Haines.

New York. October. 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 25inst., is here. As to Helena we are in correspondence with a first rate man, but his decision is not yet known. Mr. Monfast's leaving of Pueblo was motion with regret. A single man will be found for Missoula and as Brother Rommel is here now we will consult him on the subject. If possible I will try to go to the South West with you this

winter and thank you for your company and coeperation. I know what an admirable fellow traveller anf friend you are on such expeditions. Trust Daisie is well bt this time. Affectionate regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children. In haste but with fraternal affection,

Yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

P.S. Am amazed that Brother Anderson did not write him of his congregation and salary. Will write him.

Olimpia M. T. October 27, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Our Synod at the Columbia on Saturday last unanimously elected one Synodical Missionary and asked the Board of Home Missions to commission me to that office. There may be some delay and hesitation on the part of the Boaed to do this. You know me both personally and by reputation and you have a great deal of influemce with the Board --I wish you would write on to New York and urge action in the matter. Say that the office would be filled immediately and say also that if any other man can be found who knowes our country as well as I do and who is better qualified for the work and will take it in hand that I am ready to step to one side and make way for him. I have no ambition in the matter beyond the desire to be of more service to the world and the church ofcourse it would be very great affectation to say that, I am not grateful wirh this proof of the confidence of my brethren--but I want a good man for synodical missionary a great deal more than I want to fill the office myself and if a better man can be secured lets us have him. The thing for which I ask your influence with the Board is that the New Synod of the Columbia shall have a Synodical Missionary. I dont ask you to pull any wires for us after the manner of politicians but simply to tell the Board of the great need we have of such a man to do thorough work. Mr. Frayer is a first class man but he has too large a field to work it all thoroughly and you know the great need of a Synodical Missionary in a new settled country and you promised to help us in this thing when I met you in the Fuel assembly in May 1875. Trusting that the Board may have the means and will meet with the desire of Synod I remain fraternally ,

Yours very truly

John R. Thompson.

P:. S. I spent last Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Voohees and Mrs. Rice near Gervais --Oregon--They were well. I instituted

means for organizing a church at Woodtown of which they will be members.

Lake City.

Del Norte, Colorado. October 30, 1878.

To the Presbytery of Colorado in session at Longmont Colorado,

Fathers and Brethren:

In accordiance with the authority and commission given me at your meeting in May at Georgetown, I sought out the most available and best point for the organization of a church of our name, and in accordiance with the petition herewith enclosed organized the "First Presbertian Church of Lake City" with 15 members of whom 14 were received by certificate and one on profession of his faith; and ordained three ruling elders and three deacons that were elected at that time. The church in their enclosed petition requests to be taken under charge of the Presbytery of Colorado. I would further report that on the day of organization I baptized the first white child born "Over the Range" and also one adult--elder Patrick--probably the first conversion "Over the Range" atleast in South Colorado. Since the organization we have added five to the chuch and dismissed one to his own church afterwards organized. Our church at Lake City is the first church of any name over the Sierra made in Colorado. We d d cated on November 12th., then the first house of worship of God over the Range. The church has invited the Rev. J. B. Andrews of Oswego, Ill. to supply them for a year &c. I hope to receive his reply accepting the place tomorrow and if I do will proceed to La Veta and take him to Lake City and close our work there. In this work I have been ably assisted by Brother George M. Darley who is a student for the ministry under my tuition. He is also my church building missionary being a skilled mechanic. He has preached semi monthly at Lake while building the church which he has done almost unaided. I have preached there monthly travelling five times there and back a round trip of 170 miles each time, made in same connection one visit a week at Veta a little further and have one trip more to each to finish. Am out of pocket so far $75. on expenses but as the gamblers swear they will fill my hat so full of greenbacks that I cannot put it on my head when I return, I hope to come out square.. Lake City is now the chief city in the San Juan and will be permanent and prosperous, It takes a large extent of country, it will give three or four outstations within 30 miles of town. Our building is 24 by 40--chapel style. It will cost with lot and furniture

about 1880. We have built on back of our two lots leaving 50 by 80 feet in front to build larger &c when people can afford it. Lake City has a church building before either school or court house. Our "seal" now required by law is the ancient waldensian symbal--a candle stick and candle lighted with six rays and seven stars. Motto--"Lux Lucet in Teuebus". All of which is respectfully submitted.

Alex M. Darley.
Your commissione and Presbyterian missionary for San Juan mines.

P. S. I also enclose History of Organization.
This is Del Norte Seal.

Presbyterian Church at Longmont, Colorado.
November 1876.

Total recpts.

From Dr. Jackson----------250
From church extension board---- 774.50 $1,13450
From Eastern fiends.---------- 110
From home subscription cash.---726.40 $1,07490
From working material ---------348.50

Contractors hall, seats etc. ------271490
Leaving total indebtedness-----80090

Foreign subscriptions $1,134.50
Home subscriptions -- $107490

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82 N. Sheldon Street. Chicago.
November 1, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
My dear Brother;

Please accept my thanks for your kind note of sympathy in this time of our great sorrow. Though we do not sorrow as though with out Hope--our beloved child died very happy. Singing Glory! Glory! be to the Father Son and Holy Ghost. Then she seemed to see (and I believe she did see) a brother who died last February, in the distance. She wispers Joe Joe-- then her face became radient and she calls louder Joseph I am coming, coming up but you know dear Joe my poor body is so clumsey but I am coming and the motion of her hands

indicated that her spirit was on its way to meet her brother and dear Saviour whom she had loved and so faithfully served. D ar B th r in all our sorrow we have a peace and joy never before experienced Heaven seemes nearr and our faith is stronger h y may our last words be like hers. Her pastor, Rev. A. E. Rettesdge Third Church and all who were present said they had never witnessed such a scene and triumphant death. It was wonderful and shows what power our Saviour gives to his faithful followers, our death. Can you give me Mrs. R. W. Meads' address. God help and prosper you in all your laborers of love.

Yours in Christ,

Wm. L. Lee.

Salt Lake City. Utah. November 1, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson;

You have my deepest sympathy and prayer in the affliction that comes to you in the sickness of Dasie. The Lord must be preparing the members of our Presbytery for some important and glorious work.

I go to Corinne next Saturday at Gillespie's earnest request. We can not have a meeting of Presbytery until one of you who are past returnes. We ought not to have it before the 25th., anyway. Then we could elect commissioners to Gen. Ass. Bird ill not return before Spring. Welch is very feeble and does not now hope to recover. He has written hopefully until last week. He is having night sweats and suffering from heavy cough. Gillespie and I will hold ourselves in readiness for Presbytery whenever it suites you and Arnold. Bird is at Clear Creek Allamahar Co. Iowa, and expects to supply some church for the winter. When he left here he took with him his library and all effects except what he sold. It certainly looks like he did not intend to return. Work at Mount Pleasant progresses though under difficulties. The priests think I have become discouraged and abandomed the field. They now hope to discourage Miss Snow and thus end the work. This they cannot do. Love to all.

Yours,

D. J. Mc Millian.

Albany Oregon. November 1, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother;

Your note to the moderator of the Synod of the Columbia reached us at the close of the session and could not receive the attention it deserved. For several reasons we were left with scarcely a working gnorum and were obliged to close up our business hastily. At my suggestion however this paper was passed as the only thing which seemed pratical in our circumstances. Resolved that a committee of ladies be appointed -three from the Portland Church and atleast one from each of the other churches within the bonnas of Synod--by the pastors of the seversl churches in accordance with the wish and direction of the General Assembly. To inaugurate and oversee a systematic women's work for women, to meet with us in convention at the next meeting of Synod, The form of the resolution is defective but the meaning perhaps may be apparent. Women care for our, that is my church general benevolent collections by the use of the enclosed card, besides having assumed the charge of raising funds to pay for church lots. I scarcely see how they can do more at present. We have no church building and it seems impossible to even undertake so necessary a work. Our community built four churches last session and feel poor. My plan is to get a contribution from every member of the church if possible. In Synod "Stated Clerks of Presbyteries were appointed a committee to urge upon the churches within their respective bounds an increased spirit of benevolence to meet the increased expenses of the work in our field".We have not done much but have made a beginning. With reference to sections 4 and 6. page 31 a Synodical Sabbath School Committee was made one of the standing committees to endeavor to put our schools upon some system. When we get this under way, we can make this one of our methods of work. As stated clerk od Synod I hope to be able to get a Sabbath School as well as Home Mission Convention upon the programme for our next meeting of Synod. At such convention speakers can be chosen (before hand) to discuss this and kindred questions. When committees (of ladies) are appointed will endeavor to send list to "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". The Centenial Synod returnes the good wishes of our Rocky Mountain brethren and hopes they may go and do likewise without being 25 years about it.

Your fellow servant

Howard W. Stratton.

Del Norte, Colorado. November 2, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Many thanks for kind and liberal offer on organ. I will lay them before the church when I go up for last time to Lake to dedicate and take Rev. J. B. Andrews of Oswego Ill. to its pasterate. I have not heard from him yet which in measure surprises me; but hope to have him on hand by the 12th. inst. as I desire to have him preach the dedicating and first sermon in his own and first church of the San Juan. We purpose having him preach November 12th., at 11 A. M. I raise by God's gift $300 after and dedicate. M.E. preacher occupies pulpit in evening. Then I introduce Andrews to people of city--collect subscriptions close and have Geo. preach sacramental sermon at 11 A. M. November 19-- and farewell in evening--and good by! Then George will buckle down to study-- working for his support as best he can, and preach for me every Sunday at some of my 3 or 4 valley outstations during the winter--and be licensed pro tem, as you suggested in May and by God's help we'ill capture Ouray next year for Christ and Presbytery. Ouray is the western gateway of San Juan--and Salt Lake 200 miles distant is its depot of supplies. It is just half way between Canon City and Salt Lake on the Micompahgre river. Mines wonderfully rich. Altitude Denver good soil-- fine lands &c. just against Mt. Reservation. Don't tell it in Cong. "Gath" until we are there and then tell it to the world. George will deserve Board aid this winter. Dickson was willing to have him occupy Lake City this winter-- but he prefers to study. We two are hitched for work for aye. We propose one organization and bulding per annum. I send you a copy of my second missionary letter to show you how I do it. It may or may not suit for publication. It might by initializing names of people and places If you do not publish it please send it after reading it to Dr. Dickson as they have asked for it. I have a missionary incident occupying 7/8 of this missionary letter's space. "The Fare Dealer's Funeral" Something of "Scotty and the Gospel Sharp of Mark Twain"--I mean the Scotty part. This preacher knew his man better. It is ofcourse religious and though faithful in statement of the queer expressions of the barkeeper "Sharp" &c. --is still good missionary reading. I think of sending a copy to Schenestady. I purpose writing up the "Ride to Lake" of last Spring for Schenectady also. It will be possibly better than one to you. You can have a copy. The "Silver World" of last week contains detailed account of our church building. Also theft of my coat &c. That was a high old week or two--2 shooting scraps--two poisoining cases, and

two thefts. A festival and funeral &c. I was "snow Bound" a week. I broke down coming over the spruce "mountain" took ten hours to come 22 miles, but getting fixed drove 60 next day from 9.30 A. M. to 11.30 P. M.
I hope your little one is recovered and I hope you may get us a "bell". I have sent petition for organization of Lake Church with report as "Commissioner of Presbytery to Stewart- that is, I have written and will send wher I have heard from Andrews. I also sent "History of Organization" &c. to Stewart. I wrote it out in full in Sesional record with all rules adopted for finance, beneficence, Sunday School and trustees. Pray God -- November 12 for success in getting the $600, trustees feel cheerful good sign. I dont like blue in any sense than presbyterians--and that means perservance of the Saints. I have I believe preached the highest Presbyterians sermons in all America. Perkins beat me 374 feet by preaching at Minnal City-- I guess next year I'll climb Mecompahgre peak 14,432--and crow! so as to be ahead. My sermon was at the "Summit" mine--11100 feet high! In day and Baker's store to two women and 60 men First sermon there. In coming back I drove 19 miles in 2 1/2 hours-descending 4000 feet in 15 miles! Frank fairly slid for I had no "break".
Debt is bothering me somewhat as Lake travelling and $1.50 a day thus for hay leaves me $75 short. But as Crill swears he'll fill my hat so full of greenbacks that I can't put it on my head I may get square. It is because I gave Ben. Hause -- the Taw Dealer--a "good send off"
Regards to Mrs Jackson &c.

Yours fraternally
Alex. H. Darley.

Laguna Valercia Co. New Mexico
November 2, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Denver Colorado.
Dear Brother,
I have received the 50 dollars from the board of Home Missions for which I thabk you very much: also the envelopes. Also a quarters salary from the ladies all of which helps me out of debt considerable. I am going on with the school and was offered an appointment by Dr. Thomas of a salary of $700 a year, conditioning me to teach six hours a day . I told him that I could not teach six hours a day giving him reasons &c. But that I would teach six days a week(counting Sabbath) and three hours a day. I have not heard from him yet

and do not know what he will do. I hope to be able to go to Las Vegas to Presbytery meeting at the holidays. I need a little printing press here so much to print school cards or lessons in Lagma and English so as to teach the English &c. nor how much could you get us a small press (say the half or full size of this page) with type ink &c. &c, all complete? Please let me know soon. Type to be larger than pica. I write to the ladies once a month but they do not write to me except on business. We have had no dancing in town for over three months; but I do not think that their common merry making dancing is at all done away with nor do I think that they would part with any of their dancing outfit; but I will look out for getting such things for you as I can. Should Dr. Thomas give me a teachers appointment and salary how will it effect your $20.? We had no understanding about it and I ask for information. We are all enjoying a fair degree of health. The mission is prospering . I think the people want to do right.

Your servant in Christ,
John Menaul.

Colorado Springs Colorado.
November 2, 1878.

My dear Dr. Jackson,

Thanks for the note in reply to my queries in regard to your foreign work. Think I told you that I was not a minister only a medical worker. What is here that I can do in the Home field? Did you mean amoung the Indians or organizing churches amoung the pioners and such like work? Could I do much or anything as a layman? And would it be right to wish to be ordained for this work only(that is pioneer or Indian work) when I do not feel qualified by education or otherwise (save only being full of the spirit to work) for anything else. Kindly, at your earliest convenience give me some idea of the work to be done so that by the time you mention I may have given the subject full thought. My wife will be in Denver early next week and I should be pleased to have you call on her. She is the most earnest worker of the two. Will let you know if possible the day she will be there and where you will find her if you should choose to call.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Henry K. Palmer.

Denver. November 3, 1876.

Dear Brother,

I am sorry to trouble you again, especially as I heard from Mr. Bliss a few days after I wrote you last that your little girl was not prospering as favorably as we should have wished. But I am in a strait which may be my excuse. The 17 th church has not seen its way clear to invite me to remain, and the Pueble people have given me to understand that I need not trouble visiting them, and there is nothing for me in these parts now. I am merely waiting to hear about Helena. I shall wait until Monday afterwitch I shall feel obliged to move Eastward. Even then I will hold myself ready for Helena and for some time my address will be Kansas City, Mo. Please answer this addressing there. I am very anxious to know about Helena one way or the other because my wife who is amoung strangers in California is desirous to join me at the earliest possible time, and until we know about Helena she must stay where she is. Trusting that our Father in Heaven has seen fit to renew the strength of your dear child. I am

Faithfully yours

A. Chambers.

Phil. W. and B. R. R. November3, 1876

Dear Brother Jackson,

I write on the cars. Received your postal. Am sorry to hear of Daisy's illness. Be assured of our sympathy and prayers. I am for the times doing well and am favored in getting before the churches in Phila. I have addressed Dr. Bakers church in Camden and the Wharton St. Presbyterian church. Two churches in Ger. town and Colfelts and was at Mt. Holly also secured a letter from Dr. Beadles people. In all have secured 260 dollars since I came to Phila. and next Sabbath I have Dr. Breed's pulpit one service and am invited to address Dr. Harper's Sunday School and promised some money and Sabbath week have the promise of the morning service in the Brown Memorial Church Baltimore and hope to get before Dr. Backers church in the evening. The times are very dull but people who have seem more than willing to give. The pastors say that I have been very highly favored and successful. They give me the credit too of interesting the churches in home mission work. I simply picture before them western life and character. The Mexican element-- gambling houses&c. The cultured audiences &c. I talk Home Missions whenever I get a chance and urge Trinidad church if pastors are willing. But I am tired--we worked very

hard to raise this money and I don't suppose I will get a thank you from the church at Trinidad. But I am not working for thanks. I hope you will be able to visit Trinidad soon. Please go-- I have pledged the church that I will bring back $800 This is all I promised them. And all I want them to know about. I shall have 2 or 300 more than that as a reserve fund. But all that you can promise the church is $800. Tell them I will bring them $800 back and don't say anything about more. Wife was well also Willie. I have not seen my Mother yet have worked for money--collecting in small quantities. God bless you

John L. Gage.

We expect the Trinidad church to expend their $500 or 600 before they touch the Eastern gifts.

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210 Penn. Street, Brooklyn.
November 6, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I waited after receiving your letter of October 30 until copies of the paper you had sent, should arrive and this was on Saturday last. I have never before happened to see the paper though I have frequently heard of it, I will be very happy to write you two or three articles or more if you wish in 1877. I usually receive $500 per column from religious papers payable after publication of the article, You would not desire more than two columns in one article, I presume. I am deeply interested in all that can influence women to engage in Christian work, and I am glad to have this new don set open for my pen.

Cordially yours,
Margaret E. Sangster,

Thanks for the promise sending of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" regularly.

Salt Lake City Utah.
November 3, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just returned from Corinne, All hopes of a full meeting of Presbytery being dispelled. Gillespie urged me to spend a Sabbath with him and help him in a communion service which I did yesterday. We had a good time-- indulged in a "free conversation on the stste of religion within our bounds

and I preached both morning and evening. I think that church needs to be born again and the pastor needs to be hit in the bach with a brick bat just hard enough to make him nod. He has no competition. He has gone to sleep and his church has died, spiritually, I fear. This is inter nos. I ought not to talk so I suppose but it slipped out. I have written to Dr. Dickson in reply to a letter from him about a lady teacher for Mt. Pleasant. My school there is growing. The sunday school is also doing well. The Saints still curse me and annoy Miss Snow but she is plucky. Welch is very feeble and writes dispairingly. When he has lost hope there is very little ground indeed. If he should be taken away what will we do? Verily "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform". I hope Daisie is improving. You and dear Mrs. Jackson have my prayerful sympathy. Much love to you both and all.

Yours in the best of bonds,
D. J. Mc Millan.

I shall do the best I can about the lady teacher under the circumstances, I shall have to apply to the Board without presbyterial action. Welch as chairman of Home Mission Committee, can endorse it and will do so,

Yours
D. J. Mc Millan.

Larcunie City Wyoming Territory.
November 7, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I do not know who the committee on missions is composed of and I would therefore ask as a favor that you would engineer the matter with them for me. I have asked for $80, this will afford me a bare support. It is more than they gave me last year; but I thought it hardly the will of the Master that I should pass two such years of pecuniary embarrasment as those now elapsed. Still I shall remain in the feild while it is at all possible and seems the will of God. I had an opportunity and some temptations to become a "feeder" rather than a "beneficiary" of the Board while absent. I preached to a vacant church while in the East where it seemed a harvest of soulds were awaiting some reaper; and since I returned and have seen the deadness of things here I have almost wished I had thrust in the sickle in the beautiful Lehigh Valley. But the Lord rules and I hope the present year may be one of the great power of God. During my absence I preached six times and made nine addresses one before the ladies' synod-

ical convention of New Jersey. This was held in Robert's church I also, at his request addressed his monthly concert and found some favor with his people I trust. I do not know but that my going on however, rather injured the cause of domestic missions. The Eastern people do not seem to understand the principle" of putting the big potinto the little one" for an extra ocassion. Their idea of a Western Missionary is that he must have an old coat, weather beaten hat and other things to correspond. I did not fill the bill and the impression I left was that starving missionaries were at a discount, My wife and myself had been squeezing for three months so that I might make a passable appearance amoung the refined and cultured people of the East and it all amounted to making the impression that our plight was not one calling for much anxiety on the part of those who support the Board of domestic missions. Kind regards to Mrs Jackson and the children.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. E. Hamilton.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
November 7, 1876,

Hon. J. D. Cameron, Secretary of War.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Colorado, well known to our Mr. paxton--who has a high opinion of his work in the West. If you can do for him as the secretary of the Interior has done, I believe it will do good.

Yours
James Mc Cormick.

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9 University Place. New York,
November 9, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I send you a list of students desiring the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to your address at Denver. Our missionary meeting will be on the first Monday of December and we will expect you to address us at that time.

Yours
S. M. Crothers.

Colorado Springs Colorado.
November 9, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Yours in regard to Dr. Palmer is received. He told me before hand that he had written you and presumed you would interrogate me. At present writing his reputation stands equal to any of our physicians. I will report to Presbytery in full. He addressed once on the subject of foreign missions and we took a collection of $39.35 and he spoke to our sunday school which followers with a collection of $28.00 I sent a draft on London for 50 pounds to Mary L. Cort and had enough left to send her "Marguatha" a book she has been wanting. Last Sabbath there were four additions by profession and two by letter. Two who united on profession are grandsons of Paul Curtis, Sen. who built the first and second "Morning Star" missionary ships. The other two are (step) grandaughters of Dr. Skinner of Cincinnatti. "The promise is to you and your children" All had been baptized in infancy. Since I came here in February there have been 15 additions by letter and eight on profession, 23 in all. I am sorry to say the congregationalists are using many unkind and sad means to undermine our (Presbyterian) hold on the community. The Session have recognized this and have unanimously called a congregational meeting to call a pastor beliving that nothing will add so much to the stability of the church externally. Our people are harmonious and united. But the Congregationalists (some of them) are indefatigable in opposition to our church and are intensly jealous of every addition. A member of one Cong. family who sides with and attends our church says "Every move on their part is made with a purpose of securing the fruits of our church work". I wish they would let us alone and attend to their own business. The Cumb. Presbytery met here yesterday but had no quorum, and so adjourned until to-day. Mr. Cross (Cong. minister) says they had a good spiritual meeting at Longmont and hoped our Presbytery would continue the good work and cause a revival to spring up,

Your Brother
H. B. Gage.

Santa Fe New Mexico. November 9, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Your various communications have been received. First, with respect to Mrs. Minnie Griffith. Such a women as she is

said by her pastor to be is invaluable. I wrote sometime ago to Mr. Schofield expressing my wish and hope that she would come to Santa Fe. If she can teach Mr. Riggle, the new principal of our school, will be glad of her assistance. I have nothing to do with the school and would not presume to promise her any place in it, but Mr. Riggle has assured me that would be welcomed to a share of his duties if competent and "apt to teach", In the congregation and community I will grantee her work enough. I trust you will send her to us. I am gratified exceedingly by the prospect of seeing Mr. Dickson in New Mexico the coming winter. I feel with you that his tour will have a most important bearing upon our work. In short I do not think we can overestimate its influence. He is a man of no ordinary qualifacations for observing the peculiarities of our field and the necessities of the service here. His knowledge, his quick preception and his sympathizing heart insure in my judgment a wise decesion favorable to the vigorous prosecuting of the missionary and educational work in the territory. Do not limit too closely his time for the trip. From Taos he should certainly go to Ocate, where Brother Roberts has lately organized a Mexican Presbyterian Church of twenty-five communicants. Perhaps that detour could better be made from Las Vegas, as you return toward Denver. Ocate is between the field of Brother Roberts and Annin, and is, I think accessible by wheels from Las Vegas. I am to preach there December third. It will take me a week to make the trip. I go on horse back , via Taos. As to the time of Dr. D's building let it be as soon as possible. All winter our roads are good, only a few days when snow is falling are at all unpleasant and even on these the roads between Garland and Santa Fe are seldom or never impassable. Your impression that we are not as liable to be inconvenienced from snow-stormes in the winter as in March or April is correct. Come as early as you can I have no opportunity to see Dr. Thomas this morning but wife will hand him your letter this evening and beg him to at once write you about means of conveyance to Wingate Zuni, &c. Dr. Truax is no longer agent of the Moquis. That interesting trib is this year without a agent. The democratic appropriation bill has cut them off. Truax has gone to Chicago. I feel very sorry for this good brother, however I have no time to talk of his sorrows now.

Fred Kennett. Missoula. . Mr. Irwin's address is A. G. Irwin, agent of the Navajo Indians. Fort Defiance, Arizona. By the way of Santa Fe. The other questions you asked I will refer to Doctor Thomas, who knowes much more than I do about the topography of New Mexico. We have recommended Dr. Menaul for $500. My Mother and sister are with me . We are glad of the prospect of

welcoming you and Dr. Dickson to Santa Fe and all join in kindest regards to yourself and family. More when I can more correctly and explicitly advise.

Fraternally yours,
George G. Smith.

Canon City, Colorado. November 10 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Dear Brother;

I would call your attention to fact that application of Board of trustees for aid for coming year have been sent to Brother Bliss or Com. As I shall not be able to attend coming Presbytery on account of circumstances beyond my power to control I would request you to cooperate with Brother Bliss and see that the application is granted. Canon gives $100 more than last year with understanding that I am to preach here every Sabbath and this I desire to do. Rosita will have to grow a great deal more before one can attempt to build another church there. In any event I am unable to give the money myself to pay expenses of the missionaries. The Board here refuses to pay them and will not even refund me what I advanced in good faith. The people in Rosita can not pay, however willing as they have enough to do to keep from starving. I desire then to accede the desire of Canon and remain here. The people are unanimous in their desire that I should remain here and wish me to remain with them as long as I can be reconciled to the situation. You will note Canon desires same aid as before. We have yet to secure funds for an organ and Sunday School library &c. hence can't lower amount of aid at present, this we must have for years. Rosita church has appropiated the funds of their own accord to our bell and once more we can shout Hosanna! ! Send me any facts on bells (notes) you may deem of service.

Your Brother in Christ,
George N. Smith.

Wilson College. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.
November 10, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Sir!

I wrote a letter to Mr. Weekes and sent him $15. five from Dr. Crawford, five from Mr. Kennedy, five from

Mr. Wright. I told him to reply at once. I know he got the money for the P. O. register came back receipted, but he has not had the grace to write one word of thanks or even to say that he has the money, leaving us nothing to show the friends who sent by us. I wish you would write him to acknowledge to me the receipt of this money and tell him how his delay looks. Dr. Crawford wrote Dr. Paxton of L. G. about MR. Weeks at S. Juan asking him to take it up and Dr. Paxton replied that after examination, before Dr. C's letter he did not think it a worthy case. Will you see to it?

Very truly,
J. Mc Nair Wright.

New York. November 13, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Merrill says the people say you told them that we would pay Merrill $1500 if they would raise $500. We had not so understood it nor had Merrill, But the people evidently do not mean to pay any money that shall come out of the Territory and that means we shall send $1500 into it. What was your understanding about the case?

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

Salt Lake City Utah,
November 13, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

. I presented your telegram to the elders individually and hoped that they might wish Mr. Chambers to come at once. But as they had addressed a communication to the Board setting forth their views and wishes they prefered to leave the matter there. This communication was a setting forth of the situation -not one of this church- but of Utah field from a layman's standpoint. I urged them to the movement at our last regular meeting of the session as likely to accomplish something at any rate as giving the secretary fuller information. They ask that help be sent. I really feel that my vantage ground at Mt. Pleasant has been gained at too great a cost to be left to slip back. You see I have been away ever since June except the month of September. As a stranger would be less likely to succeed at Mt. Pleasant than here I think it would be better to send some one here. But this church is in no condition to increase their financial

responsibilities-and this is one reason--and I think the main reason why they did not say send Chambers at once. My church and S.S. are doing very well at Mt. Pleasant. My teacher is not a member of the Presbyterian church nor in fact of any church so I can not hope to have her commissioned. And unless the Board would guarentee $500 I could not employ another at Mt. Pleasant. Neither can I open another school in the valley without a little personal work which I cannot do unless released from this charge. A Home Missionaries salary will not allow many trips from Salt Lake to San Pete in a year and especially when the Home Missionary has to reside in the city on account of salary. Love to all and prayer for Daisie's speedy recovery.

Yours fraternally

I hope you received my telegram. D. J. Mc. Millan.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.
November 15, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Denver Colorado.
Dear Sir:

Mr. Smith showed me a letter from you in regard to Mr. Dixon coming to this territory with you in February, I believe it was and desiring me to take you out to Zuni &c. I have got to be at Old Fort Wingate on the seventh of December and while I am so near Zuni I propose to go on to that place to attend to some business which has already been too long deferred. Would it be possible to get Dr. Dixon here on the 30th., of this month so as to go with me from here on the 1st., of December? It is not probable that my business will admit of my going back to Zuni as soon as February because there is business now awaiting my attention in other directions.

Very truly yours
R. M. Thomas.

Salt Lake City. Utah. November 15, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter came last night. I answered your telegram by telegraph also by letter but as you will probably be at Denver when my letter reaches Galesburg I will write you again. The session prefers to have the matter of Chambers coming here entirely to the Board for two reasons at least. First they had written the Board about the field and San Pete and urged

them to send a man either to relieve me here or at Mt Pleasant. Second--They were so much embarressed financially that they could not assume any responsibilty in the matter. If he comes it will have to be entirely at the expense of the Board. Their liabilities to Mr. Welch of course continue and they have no desire to withdraw them as long as he remains their pastor. They have no doubt of Mr. Chambers acceptability. I do not think there is any pressing necessity of a meeting of our Preshytery now in as much as it would detain you from your suffering daughter and besides involve considerable expense to you and at least one of us, It is true Gillespie commission has not been renewed and our visit to Corinne might enable us to relieve the Board of some doubt in the matter. But it would also compel us to assume responsibility which I would rather shirk. Gillespie does not seem anxious so we can wait I think until the other brethren return. However if you should hear from Gillespie and he should desire it--or you think best to have a meeting let me know and I will meet you at Corinne. I am well and happy as a man could be in another man's shoes. San Pete is quiet and my school and Sunday School hold their own.

Yours sympathizingly prayerfully,
D. J. Mc. Millan.

New York. November 16, 1876.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Rev. Dr. Smith of Union Seminary Virginia# happened to be visiting me about the time I received your letter of the 8th., of October. and I handed it to him to read and give me his opinion of your proposal. He said that if the money could be raised, it would be hardly be worth while to spend it in that way, as the clergy and people were fully aware of the importance in the midst of the mission work. For my part I dont suppose you could get one dollar for the object. The fact is, that the matter of "fraternal relations" is somewhat of a myth at least I think so, and if our Assembly would let the Southern churches alone (as they wish to be"let alone") there would be a better feeling all round between us than there is now. With hearty wishes for your success and comfort in all things, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Hanson K. Corning.

Moderator of the last Southern Assembly.

New York. November 18, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Enclosed find letters &c which I hope may be of service to you, As to Rev. Andrew Chambers when you said he would go to Bozeman we thought favorably of it, but when he declined to do that we dismissed him from our thoughts. The truth is we know nothing of him or his habits. He is an Englishman has been in Princeton one year has been in Australia has been in California & is ready to go to Salt Lake City. We dont know about him and we can't afford to run any risk at Salt Lake City. We had rather trust Mc. Millan at present a man that we do know. Had telegram from Chambers at Kansas asking if we intended sending him to Salt Lake City. We replied "Probably not have not taken action on the case", Andrews has gone to Columbus Wis. instead of Lake City Colorado. Write me when you get headed for Washington. Get me some more steroptic views! We shall probably accept your suggestion about Gillespie. Have sent for young Marrall at Lewisville, if we can't get him -- we think we shall send Hewit of New Jersey.

Yours truly

H. Kendall.

War Department. Washington D.C.
November 18, 1873.

J. W. Weir Esq.
Harrisburg Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th, instant has been duly received I have consulted with the proper military authorities about the matter and learn that there are no means of conveyance that could be spared for the purpose you desire, Moreover I should hesitate to give any official sanction to the journey proposed by your friends friends, for in fear that in so doing I should encroach upon the functions of another part of the Government-- viz; the Interior Department and Indian Bureau. I do not for a moment doubt the sincerity of the motives of Rev. Drs Jackson and Dickson but I seriously doubt that they will accomplish any good. I should strongly advise that they do not undertake any such mission, unless authorized by that part of the Government---the Indian Bureau which has charge of the Indians.

Yours truly,

D.D. Cameron

My dear Dr. Jackson:

You see by the above that my friend J. D. "goes back" on me. Personally he was cordial in his promises--the per formance is wanting! With a Donald and a Cameron both in his name he ought to have done or at least sentimentalized better.

Yours,

J. W. Weir.

November,22, 1876.

Dr. Jackson: I give you below copy of my letter to Sec. Cameron which I marked personal. In his talk with me he said he would provide what was necessary.

November 14, 1876.

Hon. J. D. Cameron. Sec.

Dear Sir;

I stated to you briefly when here, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson's method of travel and now repeat by letter. He and Rev. Cyrus Dickson will visit in January and February the Indian tribes through New Mexico and Arizona with a view of seeing what can be done for their evangalization. The agencies are beyond the reach of stage lines or other public conveyances You can I suppose direct one of your officials to give them a letter to the officers commanding military posts in that section, authorizing them to extend to Drs. Dickson and Jackson such facilities in reaching the agencies as are consistent with the interests of the public service. Dr. Jackson's address is Denver Colorado. As the Jews send to Jesus in behalf of the Centerion--- they are "Worthy for whom you should do this"

Yours

J. W. Weir.

Trinidad Colorado. November 18, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Denver Colorado.

Dear Sir and Brother;

Your favor of the second instant and contents noted should have written before but I requested Rev. M. Candless to give you his opinion of our troubles. We promised Mr. Gage $500 this year which amont with the state of feelings here will be very difficult to raise. Mr. Gage like all other men has his faults and so have this congregation. If you could spare time to run down and see us you could decide whether it is expedient

rfor Mr. Gage to remain. Mr. Gage does not please the outsiders the W. W's. and others. Mr. Phillips is more or less influenced by said outsiders than he should be. The Episcopalians are starting a church they do not like Mr. Gage. Some Congregationalists think if Mr. Gage was out of the way there might be a chance for them to get a start and perhaps some of our Baptist Brothers are of the same mind then some of our Presbyterians are in the wrong box nature intended them for Methodists so they could have a new man every year or oftener. When Mr. Gage returnes I suppose some two or three will apply for their letters or sever their church relations in some way which is ofcourse to be regretted. in one of these cases Mr. Gage is probably to blame, the party is a merbhant and his complaint is that Mr. Gage is such a beggar for candy apples &c. for Willie that he can't stand him. I feel as sorry for Mr. Gage as I did for Mr. Merrill who was actually driven away by outsiders bring an influence to bear upon our church officers. so far as I know five of our members are very biyyerly opposed to Mr. Gage they will probably do but little good in the church as long as he remains. What is for the best I am unable to say. trusting you can come down and pour oil on the troubled waters--ice. I remain,

Your Brother in Christ
George R. Swallow.

New York. November 18, 1876.

Hon. Wm. A. Wheeler,
Dear Sir:

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D. of Denver Colorado is in the employment of this board as general Superintendent of our work in California and the rocky mountain territories. He also publishes the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" a paper denoted exclusively to the cause of Home Missions. Knowing your knowledge and appreciation of his work I venture to ask your influence in behalf of Mr. Jackson in anything hat will help him in his work. He is especially anxious to obtain if possible through Major J. W. Powell of the United States survey the loan of the survey's wood cut illustrations of Arizonia and Utah for publication in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". Any favors you can do Mr. Jackson will be appreciated by

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

New York Board.

Laramie City. Novemb. 19. 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I sent my application to the Board for a renewal of my commission. You were absent. as I learned afterwards, when I sent it, I am very anxious to receive my commission as I have nothing to go on until it comes. Will you be kind enough to get the committee to endorse it. I have applied for $600 and I had a talk with Mr. Roberts about it and I think they will grant it. If not I will take it as a providential dispensation and submit. I trust the committee will not object--they certainly will not if they can the nature of the field, I fear I cannot be at Puz. tell Stewart to urge my decided conviction as to the necessity for a continuance of Distric Missionary, that is if such a motive be necessary which I hope not. I wish I could see you. Family well and let me hear from you immediately.

Yours &c.

W. . Hamilton,

Deer Lodge Montana. November 20, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother;

I received the commission from the Board. I wrote that I could not and would not hold Missoula by going there once a month. I can't afford it and they can't afford it. They don't want any such arrangement. I went down there a few weeks since and consulted on this subject. If the Board wants a church there they must send a resident minister to the place . The entire community want him but if a Presbyterian can't be had they will soon get an Episcopalian. A board of trustees was appointed who will at once try to negotiate for the Methodist building, but this must be kept from the knowledge of the Episcopalians for they want the building and would bid if they knew what we were about, At the request of several persons in Butte I organized there on the 13th with eleven members. F. J. Call was elected elder. This bids fair to be the strongest and best church in Montana in a few years. I would not give the prospect of the Butte church for that of the Helena church. By the way, I have received only one number of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" since you left. What is the matter? If is is possible get us enough ministers to form a Presbytery before February. Two will complete the number but we prefer to havt three more. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Respectfully

J. R. Russel.

Logansport. November 21, 1876.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

As Mr. Schofield is absent doing missionary work in the northern part of the state and will not be home before the last of the week, I write for fear you will not be able to hear from him after his return, Mrs. Griffith says if you can arrange it to be with us the Sabbath after Thanksgiving you will come, I know that there is nothing that will give Mr. Schofield more joy than having you with him and none that he would enjoy so much giving up his pulpit to, as yourself.we will look forward to your coming with great pleasure that much good may come from it.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. L. M. Schofield.

New York. November 24, 1876.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

My health depressed by a heavy strong continued cold will render my going to New Mexico very doubtful, I give you this timely notice to prevent disappointment. Hope you are all well once again. I am,

Most truly and fraternally yours
Cyrus Dickson.

Princeton. New Jersey. November 27, 1876,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

My dear Sir;

I must beg your pardon having delayed so long answering your last note and acknowledging your kindness in sending me the document on Colorado. The last have found immediately their way to Paris while the valuable guilted books on Colorado went into my library. Enclosed I send you a letter for Prof. S. Baird as you desired me to do. If you wish me to write directly to Maj. Powell with whom I am well acquainted I shall be happy to do so. I have been too much petted by the printers whom I had at my heelsthat I somewhat lost sight of my current correspondence. I fear therefore, that my intention to renew my subscription for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" has received no effect. I therefore include that of the current year. Some of our college boys may yet make up.a sintific expedition to Colorado next Spring and I ought to go with them; but

I begin to feel a little timid about far away expeditions and I am not quite sure that my health would be benefited by the trip, for my heart troubles me sometimes. Is our good old friend Rev. L. Hamilton still collecting? Would he be willing to be a gelogical guide for my little band of boys during a season? I remain

Affectionately yours,
W. Guyot.

Evanston Wyoming Territory.
November 28, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Last week I received a postal card from you in which you asked in regard to my return. At the P. O. I hastily wrote and dropped a postal to you. I am happy to inform you that I am at home and hard at work. In great kindness God has given me a real help mate in my dear wife. Minnie is at Alny but comes over frequently with her most precious babe. We should all be most happy to see you, For a long time I have not heard from Brother Welch. Is he recovering, I truly hope and pray that he may soon be restored to us? Minnie wanted to know how your dear daughter was--I said I thought she was better as you did not mention her. With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours in Christ
F. L. Arnold.

Laguna Valencia Co. New Mexico,
November 28, 1876.

Dear friend Dr. Jackson:

Yours of October 31st is received and in reply would say that there is not much choice in the three months you mention. You might find very pleasant weather for your whole trip or it might be unpleasant in whole or in part just as you happen to come at the beginning or end of a stormy time of which no one can tell beforehand. So also of the roads, there is no telling beforehand how they will be, generally they are good but after heavy rains very bad. Snow is very seldom a obstical of consideration. The distances are as follows: from Santa Fe to Albuquerque about 75 miles. Albuquerque to Lagma 47 miles. Lagma to Zune about 60 miles. From Zune to Defiance by trail about 45 miles Defiance to Moqui 90 miles return to Defiance

Defiance to Wingate 45 miles by road. The buckboard runs from Wingate to Santa Fe called 200 miles. At present there is a band of some forty highway men on the road between Old Fort Wingate and Zuni who are robbing nearly every traveler in all this section of the country so that travelling is well nigh impossible except by large armed parties. I hope these gangs will soon be broken at least before your time to visit us. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your servant in Christ,
John Menaul,

San Juan Arch Co.
November 29, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson:
Dear Sir,
Your postal card just received I hasten to reply am sorry, that at this time I have but little news to record. The present condition of my field of labor , my trials, and and encouragements progress and needs, are very similar to the past. The letters, already written fully contain every particular from which may I ask you to call? We are still worshiping in old log building but hope before long to have churches erected. I am raising all possible aid from my poor willing people toward this object. I still am personally involved very considerable but live in hopes of speedy help so as to be free from debt. Though lacking this worlds goods I am contemplating a speedy union with one, possessed with a thorough missionary spirit, and who will prove a great acquisition to our mission field. The young lady is a graduate of Forest grove University(Oregon) Brother I. R. Thomson will accompany me on December 21st., to unite two (missionary spirits) into one. Don't you think that the "Board" ought to increase my allowance rather than decrease? Again and again thanking you for your interest in my work and welfare. I am

Gratefully yours,
T. J. Weeks.

Boulder Colorado, November 30, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Dear Brother,
I have just received a letter from Dr. Lord postively declining our call. I therefore write you by first

mail to inform you of the fact that you may act accordingly. Will have a church meeting called as soon as I can, propose that a call be given to Mr. Brown and write you what action be taken.

Fraternally yours,
R. R. Rockwood.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The enclose plan is hasty and probably crude. Yet on a smaller scale we have found it a great success in the Albany Board of our mission work. Its advantage is that it gives you not a women's board to conflict with our present general board but simply an army of efficient lady workers thoroughly organized to press forward the cause in each church, at the same time so sub-divided that the necessary over-sight is difficiently minute and the tax for correspondance and if need be personal visitation not too great. When our secretaries go to any place they hold their private business meeting during the day and in the evenihg have an informal parlor meeting to which the ladies of the church are invited where ladies can speak to each other and letters are read from various sections of the field. Occasionally also one of the district secretaries seeing the need of a little outside thinkers in some particular church will make an appointment to drive out with some friend and meet the ladies of such a church to talk over the subject. The influence which ladies from the city can bring to bear upon our country churches in this way is large and important. The banding thus together that sections may act and reach upon one another is a great help: Hoping to hear from you if the plan is adopted by the Board,

Yours sincerely
Mary Backus.

Roxabel Ohio. December 1, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letter was received day before yesterday--And its contents have occasioned me considerable anxious thought. I have no particular love for Trinidad for a field but I had not thought of leaving Trinidad. I wish you would write me fully just what the condition at Trinidad is as you understand it that renders it advisable to leave the field. Henry wrote me of some gossip that came through the presiding elder of the Methodist

Episcopal church. I wrote to Trinidad and they denied it of-course somebody has said something, I want to know who it is and on who you base your advice. I have left the impression that I was to return to Trinidad when I have solicited aid. I have now counted a positive subscription $50.00 made by Frank Monfort $1100.00 cash on hand. I presume I can calculate on two or three hundred more from Sunday Schools and Churches &c. I shall see who have promised sums. The Board that is secretary of church erection pledged an appropiation irrespective of the money I have raised. I go to Chillicothe tomorrow and have invitations from churches for every Sabbath and Wednesday nights that I can spend in Ohio. It is not probable that I shall return with less than $1300.00 in cash besides from the Board pledge. Is any one to go to Trinidad I believe I would rather go to Boulder than Longmont and if the way is open for me to leave Trinidad i am not sure but that I would rather stay in Ohio until spring and be near my Mother. Her health is very poor indeed. I fairly dread to return West and leave her. I am pretty well worn out I have addressed from four to eight audiences every week on home missions. I had intended to start back in two weeks but want word from you. Please don't publish my call to Longmont it will cut contubritions . What salary will they offer at Longmont. It will cost $100 to move to Longmont from Trinidad

John L. Gage.

I want to hear from you before I start West. Address Franklin Warren Co. Ohio.

Jan. 9, 1877. Sent $2 additional aronymous,

Received December 2, 1876 of Rev. Sheldon Jackson one draft for five dollars one for six dollars, one for three dollars and fifty cents and fifty cents in script, making in all $15.

Mrs. S. M. Kier.

This with one dollar previously sent is all that has come to hand. You speak in your letter of November 30th. of sending three fives in that letter--five from Brother Bair, five from Mrs. Lodge, and five from Emma P. Jennings. The letter did not contain three fives but you will understand how this is. Wishing to acknowledge everything we receive from kind friends, we speak of this matter &c.

Mrs. S. M. Kier.

Denver, Colorado.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother;

Inclosed I send you a letter from Valmont which speaks for itself. I have just written elder Lockwood for information about their church affairs prospects &c. It seems to me that there is quite too much delay about these matters for the good of all concerned, can you give me any light ? it is now fixed I believe that Rev. R. H. Brown is to go to Central and Black Hawk. Do you hear anything from Brother John L. Gage? Hoping that Daisie is improving and that you will all soon be back in your old home. I remain,

Very truly your Brother in Christ,
T. E. Bliss.

Valmont Boulder CO. Colorado.
December 3, 1876.

Mr. Bliss,
Dear Sir:

I wish to know if an arrangement could be made that the Valmont church would receive the services of Mr. John L. Gage every other alternate Sabbath provided he accepted the invitation of the Longmont church to become their pastor the coming year. We cooperated with Longmont last year and got along finely and it struck me from what I saw and heard at the congregational meeting of the Longmont church that they would not be able to raise a sufficient salary for Mr. Gage. We feel safe in pledging a live man $250 , two hundred and fifty dollars -and think we might raise $300 not that we have any objection to joining teams with the Boulder people but we are starving for a minister and Boulder has written for Dr. Lord and if he accepts the invitation we will be left out, if any arrangement of this kind can be made please answer immediately and oblige,

Yours fraternally
Joseph W. Andrews. (Elder)

Del Norte Colorado. December 6, 1876

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours received. Your feeling in regard to Brothr George staying at Lake City is also the sentiment of the church He is now a member of it and an elder of it. I ordained him on the evening of November the 19th. He is very popular. Draws larger audiences than I do. Preaches Christ first, last, and

always. The M. E. Church wish him to stay and not have me impute a "man they don't know" One young man as an example says "If you will stay I will give you all I can to your support" more can be raised for his support than for anothers. An application will be sent to brother Bliss next week from the church for Board aid. Also for $100 for his three months preaching prior to November 15, 1876. This will enable him to get his excellent and cultured wife and two boys out from Nebraska. I pulled the church and city to their last dollar on dedication--got myself in $50 on its dedication besides came short $75. on travelling &c. expenses and made nothing when I hoped to add $50 for six months labor so about $175 "out" Gamblers were sober when I returned to Lake so forgot drunken or enthusiastic promises. "Put not your trust in princes"! I lectured on "Physiognomy" to raise enough funds to get out of town out of debt but failed! I had bled them about all that they could bleed--but it must not be forgotten that $1800 for a church building in its first real year of growth besides about $75 or $100 for preaching by me, and $225 to M. E. preacher by contributions and festivals is a large amount as people have taken in very little and have spent nearly all to get sofar and build &c. So I will keep as stiff an upper lip as I can and believe the herd will provide though I am very short! I have preached in all 12 times at Lake. It has taken 1020 miles riding or driving and simply go and return besides 190 miles to Veta and back after George. I have ridden or driven little pony "Frank" nearly 180 miles since first of May 1876. He is in pretty good flesh yet best drive any day 60 miles. Speak to Bliss about application George ought to have $100 per month besides the $100 for the first three months. We added five last Sabbath to Del Norte church. Heads of the families. I opened our "Literary Sociables last night for this winter by a lecture on the "Face". Books are coming in now for my proposed Public Library for Lake City. Andrews does not write me. Is he really not coming? I got him "Paper" &c. wrote the Board to send him $100 for travelling expenses. I am afraid he is a "Muggins" Love to all the Brethren and regards to Mrs Jackson.

Yours fraternally
Alex. M. Darley.

Trinidad Colorado, December 7, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. Denver Colorado.

Dear Sir and brother:

Your favor of the first inst . is received

and contents noted. I am pleased to learn that the Longmont church can appreciate a good man better than some of the Trinidad church folks. Unless MR. Gage has a more forgiving and christian spirit than I have he will object to have the funds collected used by a church some of whom would only be too glad to have him return here and remain just long enough to have him turn over every cent collected and then pack up and go. I should feel very much like obtaining the permission of the donors to use the funds for the benifit of a more appreciative community. Should Mr. Gage decide to go to Longmont I hope you will be able to send us a good man at once, as other denominations might step in and reap some advantage by our having no minister. I have thought best not to mention the contents of your letter to any one(except wife) on that account.

Yours truly
George R. Swallow.

West Chester Pa. December 8, 1878

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I am just able to be out of bed after a severe illness. I thought it might be my Fathers will to take me home but I am up again but am feeling seriously the effect of my illness which has been cold on the lungs. I will enclose here a five dollar bill to pay anything I may be in arrears on the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" . I do not know how I stand. Would like to give a little help to it if I can. I will (D. V.) enclose another five dollars very soon . I do not like to trust much in one letter. There has been great calls for money in the last six months. Thought to send you more but at present can not do so. I should love to know how you are getting along in your work. May I ask an interest in your prayers not for length of days particularly nor relief from suffering but that I may be full of the spirit of Christ and have his piece in my heart. There are times when clowds seem to come between my soul and the light. I know that the weak frame often does influence the mind but I think that it is the Christian's privilege to rise above that if they are living near God. I think I do live above all things for holiness of heart. I often recall the "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst &c." and finding the promise unfulfilled in me, I can not help from knowing that my heart is not right with God. And am sometimes almost tempted to doubt ever having been a christian. I do not say so to those about me

for I feel that it would be bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. I don't wish to discourage any. Pray for me for light in my path.

Sincerely your friend
P. A. Lewis.

P. S. I will send only half of this sheet that the bulk of it might not attract attention.

Santa Fe New Mexico. December 11,1876

Dr. Jackson;

Will you please have Mrs Brown come as soon as she can complete her preperations to do so? Have been amoung the Mexicans this P. M. Have a peromise of a mumber who wish to learn to read. Santa Fe is illuminated this evening in honor of the Virgin whose grand day will bw tomorrow.

Respectfully
M. E. Griffith.

I have a special reason for wishing to have Mrs. Brown come soon

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Santa Fe New Mexico. December 11,1876.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend;

I supposed you would be away hence I have not written since coming to Santa Fe. I have found myself very pleasantly situated since my arrival but found the hotel prices too great for my slender resources, hence have gotten a room with a few articles of furniture which I can have the use of for three or four weeks. I find that a teachers salary need not be nearly as large if a room is furnished. My hotel expenses and washing bill during my two weeks stay at the "Exchange" averaged $54.00 per month which made me feel the need of making some other arrangement with out delay. Hence I secured this for a time until I could write to know if the Board will furnish a room also a few utensils so that Miss Brown and I could get our own breakfast and tea. This afternoon I will begin visiting the Mexicans. Have gotten a little spanish and fortunately find the family under whose roof I have come ready to assist in taking me to those who will be most ready to receive me. I have found two or three Mexicans who wish to come to my room to have English but who can only come in the evening. If the way seems to open I will have meeting in one room for the Mexicans as soon as I can have some command of the language.

I am not making the progress I desire but will be able to read to them in their own language so that they will be able to understand, I think from this time, The furniture of a room will cost probable one hundred dollars and it will be best to get the things here as I might wait until next summer if I sent for my own things. Mrs. Smith started some furniture from Pittsburg before she left there four months ago and has no idea when it will be here. I hope to hear from you very soon. Will try to gather some items for your paper if the middle of this month will not be too late. For a day or two the flesh has been weak at thoughts of this work to be commenced in the midst of the two extremes of soceity.

Yours respectfully,
M. E. Griffith.

Irwin Station Virginia.
December 11, 1876.

Rev. S. Jackson D. D.
Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 4th, inst, received. Am sorry to learn of your child's continued sickness. I wanted very much to see you while in Colorado. The proposition of the Boulder church comes too late. On last Saturday I decided to accept the proposition of the Central City and Black Hawk churches. Would have decided in favor of them sooner but they have been so slow in perfecting their arrangements. I will be in Central by the first Sabbath of February. Can not reach there before then. Many thanks for your kindness to me. Hoping to see you soon in Denver, I am

Yours fraternally,
R. M. Brown.

P. S. After the 15# of January my address will be Central City Colorado.
R. M. B.

West Chester, December 12, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find $5. more for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, I would be glad to send you more if I could, There has been a very urgent call for aid for an Orphan Asylum at the South for the colored orphans. A friend of mine

from there was up, and says they have many many orphans offered which they cannot take at all on account of want of means and who are turned out at once by those who have them in care to the Catholics, who are doing their utmost to secure the colored people, It seems to me almost worse than throwing them into the Garyes. Why cannot our people see that it would be better to educate and enlighten the ignorant of the country than to spend so much money in setting things right which have gone wrong in our elections. It is ignorance and only ignorance and ungodliness that gives Tilden the least show of an election. There is plenty of money in the country, but when will men understand how to use it wisely. I should be very glad at any time to hear how your work progresses. Whenever it is in my power I shall be glad to send you my mite. A letter from you would always give me pleasure. My life seems so narrow and useless, I often get discouraged in this way. If it was our Fathers will I should be very thankful for a more hopeful disposition. Hoping the money in both letters will reach you safely, I am

Your friend

R. A. Lewis.

Logansport. December 12, 1878.

Hon. L. L. Evans.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to introduce Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Denver Colorado to your favorable notice and let him work as our Representative for your aid in securing some thrown aside plates used by the government in mineralogical and geological surveys of the West: to illustrate his valuable paper published in our state of Colorado. You will find a gentleman of large experience and a true patriot and true christian in Dr. Jackson and you can confer on me no higher favor than in giving him your personal influence in his efforts of love , to dispel heathanism in Utah, New Mexico and Arizonia and aid in laying the fondation of true Republicism.

Your friend and constituant.

Wm. L. Wright.

Logansport Indiana. December 12, 1878.

Hon. John Sherman:

Hon. sir:

Permit me to introduce to you Rev. Sheldon Jackson

of Denver Colorado who visites Washington on some business connected with his position as the agent for the West , of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, in any favors you can confer on him will aid a good cause, a devoted man and your old friend,

Wm. L. Wright.

Yuma City, Arizona Territory.
December 13, 1876.

My dear Friend and Pastor:

I received your kind and interesting letter in due time, and delayed writing in hopes that I might be able to write a letter to you, in which letter I could give such an account of myself and of the part of the country in which I live, that it would be interesting and make your heart glad, knowing and beliving as I do that you have an interest in mine, myself and all the people of this country. Well my dear Pastor, I have received from you by the mail one or two newspapers every week since I returned home and indeed I have enjoyed them although I have not subscribed to any of them as yet, but I intend to. Money matters have been very hard with me since I returned from the East the business is very dull indeed where I used to do one dollar in business before I went East I am only doing fifty cents and the expenses are just the same. So this makes money matters hard,but I will not trouble you about this matter any more in this letter cease complaining and trust in God, shall be the watch word. My dear Pastor I should very much like to see you indeed and when the railroad gets completed to our town perhaps it would not be amiss to take a trip in this part of the country and see what you think of theprospect for establishihg a pastor among us. There is no place of public worship here except the catholics. We have two or three catholic sisters here and where they live is called the convent and they teach school; then we have a public school which is a very popular institution here, the lady teacher is a Miss Post and I have understood that this lady is a member of the Methodist church here and Mr. Post is the teacher in the boys school. I speak of the public school being populer because all the citizens appear to contribute when ever a festival is given to the children. Our population does not exceed twelve hundred or more and perhaps two thirds are catholics and when the subscription was taken up for the festival on Christmas over two hundred dollars was reised with out any trouble whatever. So much for our public school, now

we are going to have shortly quite an influx of population when ever this rail-road gets completed to the town. The Southern Pacific were at work to-day in our streets, surveying and they say this will be the final work here. I should very much indeed like some pastor to come here of our church in case there are none comes some other denomination will come and I am in hopes that it will turn out as I wish. A church here would make a reformation in the place. Drirkers and gamblers have the place at present. It would need a talented man here and a power to be of any use unless that God should as in olden times interpose. I have been very much instructed in reading your book. My prayer is that God will repay you for your labor abundantly which I have no doubt he has done. I often remember you and your family and the dear and blessed church in my prayers to God. And I desire to be remembered I am not ashamed of my profession of Christ it was the most glorious day of my life when I made it. Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wishing your family and all the members of our dear church and you my dear Pastor God's blessing. I close as it is late.

Yours in Christ,
W. H. Tonge,

Golden Colorado. December 18, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother:

It is a long time since I have heard from you directly or indirectly. Have been very busy myself or I should have written you ere this. The meeting of Presbytery except one or two bright spots was very unsatisfactory and did us considerably more harm than good. I hope for the honor of Christ's kingdom such a scene may never occur again I vainly hoped that Brother T. would be less belligerent if encored with the conduct of the meeting but horresco referenoS-- it only made matters worse. I suppose you heard about the protest business which was in at the last moment. A protest has been superadded to this with the obvious intention of calling up the whole matter at our next meeting. I hope if it must come that it will be in some way summarily disposed of. This irate Brother will do all that he can to carry his point regardless of consequences. I could not get anything done about a meeting of Synod. Brother J. and Br. Lord decided that we could not have a meeting until after the Assembly meets. In an informal talk about the churches in Presbytery Mr. Thompson opposed the territory union of Black Hawk and Golden intimating that I was unduly anxious to

make money. I could not repress a grim smile of the mention of that idea but if I should get suddenly rich by reason of that union I hope I may have grace to use it properly. I concluded that it would be better not to risk the tempation however and am doing the best I can for the two churches with out any help from the Board. At Brother H's request I applied for sufficient to pay $50 for travelling expenses in the rail-road but that was not granted and I will try to do with out it, at half rates it will cost me from five to eight dollars a trip(including hotel expenses) and since the whole salary from both is only $1150 from which my travelling expenses have to be deducted I thought the board might consider that especially as the arrangement saved them several hundred dollars --I will not ask or receive that much however and if the Lord wills I hope to continue the arrange ment six months and perhaps the year. The is the best contribution I can give the Board in its time of need and I only ask that in some sense it be appreciated at head quarters. The congregations here are quite as large as usual and at Black Hawk the evening congregation is very large. The prospects encouraging. They would give me a salary of $1500 at once if I would go all the time but I have discouraged the idea from the first. They raise what they promised for me promply every month. Ecery one seems satisfied including Mr. and Mrs. Henderson. Last sabbath we introduced 40 copies of songs of the Sanctuary (large editions) and the same day the amount was collected and forwarded next day to the publishers.Mrs. Stewart is better now than she has been since she came to Colorado. we still board at the Aloard House and I think this has had something to do with her improved health. I do not have any anxiety to be rich but it has worried me often that I could not give her a better chance to get well. I enclose 80 cents a little balance from Mr. Spargroves congregation collected iver the $30.00 alredy paid you. It was sent me in a letter from home a few days ago and it goes to assist in the general circulation. Did I ever pay you one dollar from W. B. Stewart Canonsburg Pa. for the paper one year? If not let me know and I will forward it have forgotten, Can you do anything among the large congregations you visit to get us a Sabbath School library? Either books used or new we need them very much and cannot raise the funds now for this from any scource. If you can aid us in this please let us know. Suppose you have heard about the situation in Central. Am very sorry but hope they will save the old church building. Brother Gage has gone East. Will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Mrs. Stewart joins me in much love to yourself and family. She would be glad to hear from Mrs. Jackson. I enclose marriage notice for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian it was a very interesting occas-

ion, Kindest regards to Drs. Dickson and Kendall. I will send the money I spoke of when I hear from you about the others. The ladies of Urbana church sent a small but to us a very valuable box. They evediantely have good judgment judging from the taste displayed in their selections.

R. L. Stewart.

Salt Lake City. Utah. December 19, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours received. It will be glorious if those Logansport ladies join with us in this work. I have felt all the time and do now feel that from some source there will come the needed help--because the work is so manfestly the Lord's You ask about Miss Snow . She is as humble and ernest a christian as I have ever known. For more than a year her works have attested her faith and zeal. After the week of hard labor in the school she freely and lovingly goes into the Sabbath School and works alone as superintendent--clorister--librarian and teacher with an average attendance of about 75. Sometimes more than a hundred.She is a diligent student and faithful teacher of the word of God. One reason (and a sufficient reason) is why she is not a communicant is thst she has had no opportunity of uniting with the church since her conversion. It must be remembered that Mt. Pleasant is 130 miles from the last out- post of Presbyterianism and about 45 miles of that distance must be made by stage. She has never witnessed a communion service other than Mormon's If she could afford to come home during the holidays I think she would gladly unite with our church here at our January communion. I suspect that she would rather wait with the hope of uniting with a future organization at Mt. Pleasant where her conversion has occurred and where her christian work has been performed. A number of her Sunday School scholars give a clear evidence of a change of heart which is certainly a seal to her faithful ministry. You ask me how much I have paid her out of my own salary. If I were at Mt. Pleasant I could tell you exactly. It is about $100 on last years work and I am still behind with her, With the most rigid economy I have not been able to save enough out of my salary to supplement the income of the school to a living salary for her, I have just managed to pay all her necessary expenses and mine and she has been content to labor on so, Her school now numbers 90,we have been compelled to decline others who apply for admission. When I have applied for help in the East many earnest christian people said they "Admired the zeal and pluck more than the dis-

cretion of attempting such a field--and they preferred to give to sustain the gospel in christian lands" that is, they like Peter before his vision --thought the gospel ought to be confined to Jesus. I therefore determined to carry the work--with God's blessing--beyond the limit of a mere experiment before I would ask for help again. This I think has been done, beyond question, to the satisfaction of any candid man. Now I am sure that if these men would look in upon our school and Sabbath-school they would see something very nearly akin to Peter's vision with a like interpretation. Looking at the fruits of one year and a half of work with a meager support in the face of the greatest obstacles a hastile and unscrupulous priesthood could put in our way. I can with confidence ask christian friends to come and help us now that the worse of the storm is over and the lightning and thunder have rolled away in the distance. Soon the sun will shine to perfect that which has been sown and watered. I have excellent health and am fattening a little even under the pressure of double duty. But at best dont you think I am a very thin speciment of humanity to be distributed over so much territory? Can't you find somebody back there on earth who will come and preach to these spirits in prison? If Bird will go to Mt. Pleasant I am willing and yield that point to him or any other married man and I will go further down the valley or to Seeds. Bird is at Youngtown Ohio with a seminary friend.

Yours fraternally
D. J. Mc Millan.

December 25, 1876.

Dear Sister

The enclosed letter will speak for itself. After you have read it to the ladies and are through with it please return it to me at Denver--We leave for Denver tomorrow. A Merry Christmas to you all. Keep me posted on what the ladies do.

Your Brother in Christ,
Sheldon Jackson.

New York. December 20, 1876.

My dear Dr. Jackson;

Hope Daisy is better and all the rest are well. Can you provide a half fare pass over the Central Pacific for S. W. Crothers, He goes to Eurika N. M. will be in Omaha about the 10 or 15 January 1877. Please answer soon here and I will

notify him. He goes to Springfield Ohio on Friday 22 to be ordained and stay with his friends a few days. I am much obliged for the favor you secured me for Col. Hitchcock over the Chicago Burlington and Mo. Railroad. Can you procure me an annual pass over the rail-road and its leases on trunks for 1877? Many thanks for any favors of any rail-roads. They are great help to me especially as I now pay all my travelling expenses in my work. Mrs. Dickson has sent or intends sending some little mementoes to your young ladies for Christmas. They will go to Galisburg. My cold is still heavy. Hoping this will find you and all well. I am

Most truly and fraternally yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

Deer Lodge Montana. December 22, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

I receiver your letter a few days since was surprised that the man you wrote me about for Missoula was not on the way out. What is the matter with the Board? Would'nt they commission him? I hope you may succeed in getting a minister for Missoula I fear it is lost to us. The people there do not think that the Board has acted in good faith with them. Don't be surprised if the most of our church in Missoula are in the Episcopal in the Spring. While you are trying to get men for other fields try also to get a man for Deer Lodge and Butte. If I had my way I would have a minister resident in Butte and another to divide time between Phillipsburg and Deer Lodge. But you can offer my place to any one you choose. I propose to leave the service of the Board. I dont like the way I have been treated and am being treated now. Doubtless Dr. Dickson thinks me an "impertinent little upstart" if he does I dont care I will not try to change his opinion. My salary is due August 15 has not been heard from although I have written several times about it. My report due November 15 has been sent(more than a month since) no word from the Board I expect to send in my resignation in the course of a month or two.

Respectfully,
J. R. Russel.

Boulder Colorado. December 22, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother;

Yours from Washington of the 1inst. has just been

received . I learned yesterday that Mr. Brown had written to Central that he accepted their call. If you can send us Mr. Scott or some one at once please do so, and the sooner the better if he is only the right sort. We had a festival to raise some money and are expecting to have the church plastered now very soon. It is late and I can not write any more tonight.

Yours fraternally
R. B. Lockwood.

Salt Lake City. Utah. December 22, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Denver Colorado.
Dear Brother,

Hoping to see you in Salt Lake City I have delayed writing. Enclosed find $100 that I owe you. Our work here is about so so. The church interests are sustaining themselves as well as could be expected. Our young peoples meeting is very interesting but our pastor's continued sickness is seriously felt. What does it all mean? Will he never return to us? What do you think? Have you any idea what will be done by the Board? Our loads seems to get no easier to bear, time seems to add to the burden. As a bruised crushed and bleeding couple we are endeavoring to labor for the Master looking forward , I with a longing to the time when we can join our darling in our heavenly home. Our school is full but so many are charity pupils that it is hard to support the school. I fear I will be compelled to dismiss all the charity pupils except those provided for by scholarships and reduce the school--to whit Mrs. C. and I can teach. Yet I should regret to lose Miss. Benney my assistant teacher for she is a help in the school and church but I cannot run into debt. When will you be in Salt Lake City?

Yours truly
I. M. Coyner.

Boulder, Colo.,
Dec. 22, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Dear Brother,

In accordance with my letter to you of November 30th. I called a meeting of our church for December 4th, at which it was unanimously decided to call Rev. R. M. Brown to supply our pulpit for a year and subscription papers are out for subscriptions to his salary. To-day comes a letter from Brother Bliss in which he says that Brother Brown is going to

Central. If this is so we are afloat again. I am reading sermons for a morning service but that cannot take the place of a regular supply. Our people are now getting up a festival to raise the money for plastering the walls of the church and I have not told anyone yet what Brother Bliss writes about Brother Brown. They are working on the hopes of being soon settled. Valmont promises $300 and I will get our subscription up to that if I can though I doubt whether I can have more than $250 promised.

Yours truly
R. B. Lockwood.

1110 Powell Street San Francisco.
January 1, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.
Rev. and dear Sir:

Half a year ago at the close of service a gentleman tarried and desired to speak with me, He wished to express his feelings under the word ordinance. Residing in Yuina where there is no Protestant Church nor any members save one lady he felt that he could not go back there until he had made profession of his faith in Christ. The elders after a satisfactory conference agreed to receive him then and there. He stayed a week and went on his way rejoicing. I sent him papers. The enclosed from him speaks for itself. The rail-road will be opened this month and you should send a man at once. The Lord bless you with a happy New Year for Jesus.

Robert Paterson.

San Francisco, California,
January 1, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Reverend and Dear Sir:

Half a year ago at the close of the communion service a gentleman tarried and desired to speak with me. He wished to express his feelings under the word and ordinance. Residing in Yuma where there is no Protestant Church nor any members save one lady he felt he could not go back there till he had made profession of his faith in Christ---the elders after a satisfactory conference agreed to receive him then and there. He staid a week and went on his way rejoicing. I send him papers. The enclosed from him speaks for itself.

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